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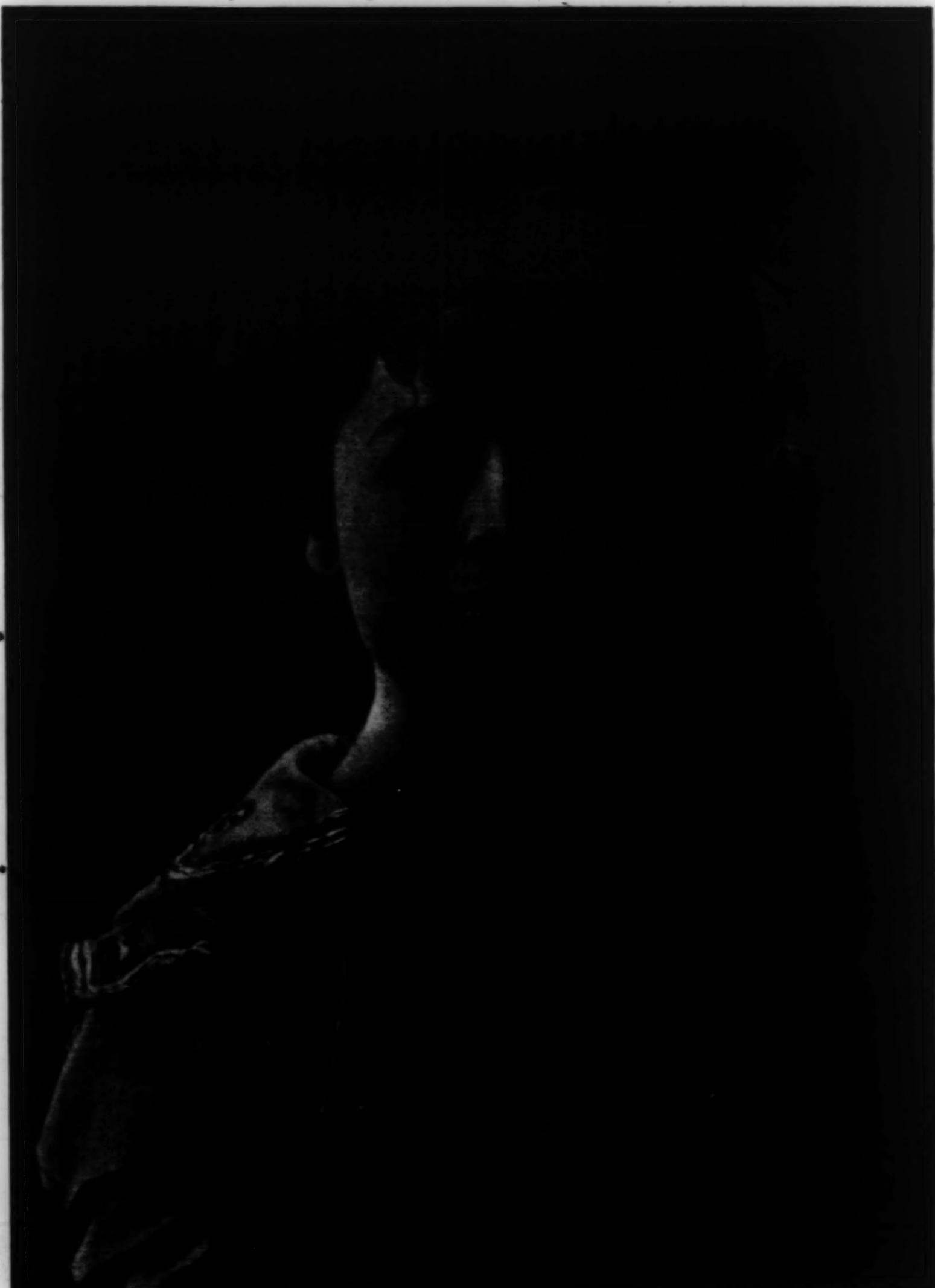


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GRACE MERRITT.

THE MATINEE GIRL



THE Master Builder is causing trouble in families.

Women like it because it glorifies a type of woman, a type comprehensible to the least of them. Never was woman so small souled but that if she loved a man she tried to breathe into him the undying fire of her ambition for him. The more she loved and the finer her own character blossoming, the more she urged him to the heights of endeavor. There is no obscurity in this, rather the eternal verity of the woman who loves and who aspires while she loves. Hilda stands for the loving aspiration of the woman for the object of her love.

But man is a literal-minded creature, always wanting more than is good for him. A man and his wife walked back from the Bijou Theatre with me and talked about the play. The woman's eyes were suffused from the nearness and poignancy of the lesson. The man caved. Hilda was the symbol of idealism, he admitted, but why not be consistent in the symbol theory? What did the "sour milk" symbolize? The woman's indignation dried the tears in her eyes. It didn't matter, she returned, but if he insisted upon a symbol it was the emblem of obstinacy, only she would have expected to recognize it in a manly instead of a womanly breast. And the rest of the way I furnished the conversation, which was of necessity a monologue.

The woman was right. It didn't matter. Iben did not intend to write a "Pilgrim's Progress." But he did create a splendid central figure in which Madame Nazimova shone, as the poorest of us shine when we do that which all our lives we have cared most to do.

"Love affairs are trifles, but to be the inspiration of a man's life, to lead him to do well what he can do best—that is all that makes it worth while to be a woman."

This the beautiful Russian asserts is her personal and artistic platform. It is high—as high as the tower Halvard Solness climbed, and grand—as grand as the exultation of her final cry. "My master builder."

To prove that certain elements of an audience overlook vital features of a play and cast, a guest told at Virginia Harned's table the story of a whiskered person and his spectacled wife, who, when Maude Adams took a curtain call after the third act of Peter Pan in vain asked each other, "Which one's that?"

The couple searched the programme in vain for the name of "that feller," and the whiskered wisecracker said with finality, "He must be somebody they've brought in for to-night just to fill up."

"But there was one couple who didn't recognize even a greater than Miss Adams—even a greater than she," repeated Miss Harned, impressively. "This couple stood with an umbrella pointed at a billposter announcing the first appearance of The Nazarene in their city.

"Who is the Nazarene, anyway?" asked the man.

These be days when the exasperations of Russia try our souls—and tongues. The artist, who, as Hilda in The Master Builder is giving us her favorite portrayal, is being called strange names by those who dare to read extracts from their programmes aloud. It was a man from the Southwest who, with the aid of a carefully tracing finger, achieved the policeman-like challenge, "Nazzy, move on!"

Madame Nazimova herself cheerfully releases any one who asks aid from the snare of syllables. "The accent is on the second syllable," she explains, with a patient smile, for the ninety and nine thousandth time. "The 'z' is pronounced as the 'z' in 'razor,' and the 'i' is very short. The syllable should be pronounced as quickly as possible. Think of the first two letters in 'zinc' and forget the last two. Do you understand?"

Four blocks farther up Broadway they are having similar struggles with the name of the heroine, which is the same as the title of the play, Anna Karenina. "Anna" by all the Russian laws should be pronounced with the first "a" broad. But it is at the Muscovite polysyllables that mere American tongues stagger and fall. Virginia Harned, who embodies Tolstoi's unhappy heroine, also gives inquirers lessons in Russian. "Kara" she instructs as in "Carolina." "Nina" as though spelled with double "ee" instead of "i." That is it, the chief accent on next to the last syllable, but the vowel not dwelt upon too generously. Don't forget, as some learned linguists we met on tour forgot that Karenina is the feminine of Karenin, and that my cruel husband's name, not having the diminutive, is accented upon the second syllable.

At the Belasco Theatre they have named the star's dressing room, occupied by Frances Starr, the Doll's House. For the long, narrow room, where a sheet protects the gowns of the *Kone* of the Rancho on one side and the great electric bulb jeweled mirror flashes back magnified reflections on the other, overflows with toys. There are wax dolls, bisque dolls, dolls of all nations. And there are wardrobes and carriages for the motley doll family, which is ruled by a huge and ferocious brown *Teddy* bear.

Sixty years of entertaining that vague creature of caprice and whims and uncertain memory—the public.

Sixty years of travel, of suffering from trains and hotels.

Sixty years of rehearsals alternating with performances, and often the rehearsal period

was longer than that of the performances. Ten times six years of the touch and go friendships of the player life, the glimpse of friends on week or one-night stands, and then the hasty good-byes and away.

Sixty twelve months of noting the last appearances of old players and the first appearances of new ones, and then the heart clutching loneliness that comes with the knowledge that the companions of her own debut as Little Julia in *The Farmer's Daughter* had all made the final exit.

Next month Mrs. Annie Yeomans will have numbered her life as an actress by sixty bents in the rosary of the years, and she is tired. So tired that when *The Hurdy Gurdy Girl* leaves town she will remain behind. Her hazard of the fortunes of the road are over. Voluntarily she is leaving the stage upon which she has shed the radiance of a mellow mirth for more than half a century.

She is doing that which rounds beautifully the career of a player by the discharge of a duty to the stage. She will teach acting. No one who has ever seen the sunny faced, nimble brained and tood Annie Yeomans but knows that she knows the art which she will teach. She knows the old school of acting and the new, and she knows how to perfectly mingle the best elements of both. "Twill be a fine plume for a young actor to say that he has been to school in acting to Annie Yeomans. And in her final passing, Mrs. Yeomans will at least leave a legacy to the stage, the legacy of a training of other historians, the legacy of her theories and methods of acting. To the last Jennie Yeomans, loyal daughter, said from the stage when "hands" were especially loud and continuous, "You know my mother taught me the business." And this brought more "hands."

The bitterest complaint of the folk of the boards is that theirs is an ephemeral art. If each actor made mental transmission of his art to at least one pupil the art might become an endless chain.

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One cannot speak fittingly of James O'Neill without a revival of a word which has practically passed into disuse in discussion of stage matters, the word "noble." I never knew how much of majesty might inhere in a human being until I saw James O'Neill play *Virginius*. His walk is as stately as the movement of a newly launched ocean liner making its proud way out to sea. His voice is like a deep-toned bell. His eyes, big and luminous like Novelli's, bespeak a boundless vitality. And always until the piteous last scene in the tragedy, in which he sounds the note of utter weakness, he conveys the impression of a vast reserve fund of strength.

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Concerning the manner of a man's walk, Kyrle Bellew is the antithesis of James O'Neill. To whatever of his youthful ideals he may be untrue, Mr. Bellew has been faithful to his dancing master. "One, two, three." One can hear with fancy's ear the stern tones of his instructor counting the waltz step. "One, two, three, turn!" Certainly it is a rhythmical walk. Mathematical it is also. Doubtless it would still please his dancing master.

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Time was when Mabel Taliaferro was heralded as the greatest child actress in the world. It was James A. Herne who made the pronouncement. But Miss Taliaferro's distinguished sponsor for her so great honor is dead. The mantle he had draped about her shoulders fell away with her growing up and her marriage. Comes now Henry Arthur Jones, lifts the dropped mantle and wraps it round Mrs. Frederick Thompson's little sister, Edith.

Mr. Jones, delighted with the promise of dramatic fulfillment in the plump, dark eyed, high spirited child, the antithesis temperamental and physically of slight, fair, pensive Mabel, and as prone to woe laughter from an audience as Mabel had been to stir it to tears by her native pathos, is building air castles with her for the making of a play in which she, in her wonderful grown up days, shall star. The grave solver of human problems, diagnostician of moral disease, and the merry little laughter at the world, have formed an odd mental partnership.

Henry Arthur Jones says Edith Taliaferro is the greatest child actress, and Edith Taliaferro asks the Englishman why he doesn't leave off playwriting and become President of the United States.

This is the second time Edith has received the compliment of prophecy from a man who knows the actor material when he sees it. The first was when, a mere animated dumpling with an inordinate taste for sweets, she assisted in the programme of the Stage Children's Christmas tree at Pastor's, and gave an imitation of Joseph Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson, being present, laughed gouttously at the wee mimic's efforts, and afterwards raised her in his arms, high above the heads of the others.

"Such may be your fame some day, little one," he said.

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Justina Wayne, being met half way up the six flights of tortuous stairs in a building given over to the offices of managers and agents, gaspingly explained why, being a little young person to whom the necessity of reduction is a remote spectre, she chose to walk rather than ride.

"It's that dreadful elevator man," she said, going pale. "Haven't you noticed? When we get into the lift he calls out in that sepulchral voice, 'All in!' and when we make the descent he growls, 'Down—and out!' I shan't ride in that elevator again, not until I've signed for at least three seasons."

THE MATINEE GIRL.

AMUSEMENT COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

The following amusement companies were incorporated with the Secretary of State at Albany the past week: Wright Amusement Company, Queens Borough, New York, capital of \$20,000; directors, S. H. Abrams, Hoboken, N. J.; L. I. Wilson and H. C. Mendelson, New York. Rogers Brothers Own Company, capital \$5,000; directors, G. Solomon, M. Solomon and A. Dreyer, New York. Ninety and Nine Company, capital \$1,000; directors, J. D. Barton, Dudley McAdow, Mount Vernon, and Otis Harlan, New York. Italian Grand Opera Company of New York, capital \$10,000; directors, Isaac Abramson, William Sam Kay and Charles Ginsburg, New York. Buckeye Amusement Company, New York, capital \$25,000; directors, E. F. Albee, J. P. Martin and G. A. Gottlieb, New York. Empire Vaudeville Company, Cohoes, capital \$10,000; directors, Michael T. O'Brien, Henry T. O'Brien, Cohoes, and Michael J. Duffy, Troy. The dramatic and musical agency of Karr and Mann of New York has also filed articles of incorporation, having a capital of \$10,000, and directors, E. S. Karr, H. W. Mann, New York, and W. L. Hampson, Brooklyn.

THE LONDON STAGE.

WALTER D. GREENE.

NO NEW PLAYS, BUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT REVIVALS AND OTHER MATTERS.

Popular Manager Disappears After Failure—More Music Hall Troubles—The Gay Gordons Reviewed—The School for Scandal, You Never Can Tell and The Master Builder Some of the Revivals—Two Novelties Promised.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

London, Sept. 21.—In a week wherein no new play has been vouchsafed unto us, those journals dealing with theatrical matters have had to be thankful for sundry small mercies in the shape of scoops or scooplets. One of these small sensations of the week has been the recent engagement (by that extensive manager, Tom B. Davis) of Anna, Countess of Roslyn, long and honorably known on your native stage (and for some time on ours) as Anna Robinson. Manager T. B. D. yesterday assured me that all rumors to this effect are now true, as he had just signed with Anna to appear in a new play written by Roy Horniman, and entitled *The Education of Elizabeth*. The Countess, you will remember, was compelled a month or two ago to divorce the noble earl, who some time acted on your stage (and on ours) in his private name of James Erskine—because that very red-headed aristocrat had thought fit to decamp with another lady. The poor earl, who always seems to be in some matrimonial trouble or other, has made no sign, theatrically or otherwise, since the divorce decree was issued, but I should not be surprised to see him bobbing up again on the boards ere long.

Another small sensation of the week has been the mysterious disappearance of Marshall Moore, a very brilliant stage-manager and play-producer, formerly of Drury Lane and later special producer for Oswald Stoll at the huge London Coliseum, which has, alas, been closed so long. Marshall Moore went out a few weeks ago with a sort of triple bill in the operatic line, having with him several important artists. They had a pretty good send-off in the suburbs and anon went of touring, but ill luck, that persistent doggerel of so many theatrical enterprises, soon set in, and salaries were hard to find. Moore, whom I have known since he was a lad, and whom I always found to be strictly honorable and extremely unselfish, has, it is feared, met with some disaster, for since he wrote to his company a most heart-rending letter of apology over a week ago, nothing has been heard of him. Today's papers are full of all sorts of statements and surmises, but from what I know of this smart, good-hearted little fellow I feel sure that (if nothing serious has happened to him) he will when he turns up again leave no stone unturned to put himself right with his little company, who were all very fond of him. I know that in the loss involved by this little touring company poor Marshall Moore put all his own hard-earned savings, for he was ever a careful and thrifty man, a type of personage, alas! not overwhelmingly common in our professionals, who are apt to call *The Profession*.

Another sensation of a larger sort which has loomed still larger since I last had the honor of addressing you, is the new music hall mutiny which has arisen on account of certain variety or vaudeville managers having artfully endeavored to crawl out of that clause in the late award providing for payment for extra matinees. Last Sunday an extra special meeting of variety artists was held at the Empire, Camberwell, when a person by the name of GAWAIN was not only put up to respond for the press (which was coupled with the name of the London *Refugee*), but also the said G. was able to administer from the stage some few more or less rounded periods of service to all concerned. This advice he was, happily, able to give to some purpose, as he was, in a previous state of existence not altogether unconnected with the theatrical and variety professions.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution declaring that the Variety Artists' Federation was resolved to fight to the bitter end (as indeed they ought) any managers daring to avoid the award, whether by not paying for the extra matinees arranged or by taking, as many of these managers are now again doing, a commission of 5 and sometimes 10 per cent. from every artist with whom they book engagements.

The vaudeville portion of THE MIRROR contains some account of the aforesaid meeting, and the claims of the aforesaid artists, therefore, in this epistle I need only add that happily the directors of the big variety syndicate which controls those famous West End halls, the Tivoli and the Oxford, also the huge Canterbury and the larger Paragon and some sixteen other important variety theatres, has now climbed down and agreed to abide by the matinee payment clause in the award. After this V. A. F. victory the rest should be easy, and so I venture to think that another strike which seemed so imminent a few days ago has been averted.

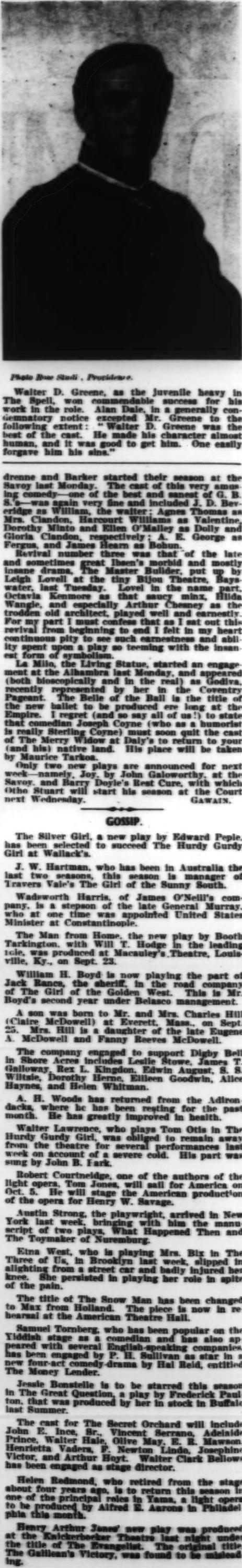
Among the other more or less sensational episodes of the week has been a wider than ever press agent boom concerning a very clever boy actor—Bobby Andrews—to-wit, who is alleged to have written a play in twenty-four hours. I have now to give you some account of the new production at the Aldwych, concerning which, owing to pressure of time and space, I had to mention very briefly. This production is a two-act musical play entitled *The Gay Gordons*, the book by Seymour Hicks, the music by Guy Jones and the lyrics by quite a little group of bards, the chief of whom are Arthur Wimperis, C. H. Bovill, P. G. Wodehouse and Henry Hamilton.

The *Gay Gordons* contains a little more story than is usual in these musical mixtures—especially in the Hicks' specimens. The story revolves around a private soldier in the Gordon Highlanders, Angus Graeme, to-wit. This young warrior falls in love with Peggy Quainton, a million heiress, who masquerades among some poor show folk, and who has vowed never to marry any man with a title. So, of course, when the *Gay Gordon* Highlander succeeds (as you may expect) to one of the very finest titles in the Scotch, Perry professes to find it rather awkward to continue her engagement to his gay young Gordonship. Around this not particularly novel but certainly well told story there circulates a number of very American folk, including a Punch and Judy showman and his wife and daughter.

Seymour Hicks and his charming wife, Ellaline Terriss, are the above mentioned hero and heroine. Ellaline seldom attempting the American accent, about which she had been so much parodied. When she did attempt your native inflections they often came out more like our Somersethshire dialect. But no matter. Fred Emlyn as the showman, that clever little comedy actress, Sydney Fairbrother, as the showman's wife, and the wholesome picture post carded Zena Dare, as his daughter, and William L. Lippard, Will Bishop and Rosina Filippi in other parts all acted admirably. The *Gay Gordons* is going very strong and threatens to bring many pieces of eight of dollars both to Producer Hicks and Presentor Frohman.

I have to record the revival of three more or less important plays. The first, and of course the most important, is *Sheridan's School for Scandal*, which that celebrated old comedy actor (or rather actor of old comedy), Edward Compton, put on at the St. James's last Saturday night. Compton was, as heretofore, a clever Charles Surface, and very fine impersonations of Lady Teazle, Joseph Surface, Mrs. Candour, Moses, Sir Oliver and Sir Peter Teazle were given by Lillian Braithwaite, Henry Ainley, Marie Hassell, E. M. Robson, Charles Grove and Eric Lewis, respectively.

The other revival, less important of course but still very interesting (especially to what Robert Louis Stevenson would call true blue Shawian persons) was *You Never Can Tell*, which V-



Walter D. Greene, as the juvenile heavy in *The Spell*, won commendable success for his work in the role. Alan Dale, in a generally commendatory notice excepted Mr. Greene to the following extent: "Walter D. Greene was the best of the cast. He made his character almost human, and it was good to get him. One easily forgave him his sins."

Drenne and Barker started their season at the Savoy last Monday. The cast of this very amusing comedy—one of the best and sanest of G. B. S.—was again very fine and included J. D. Beveridge as William, the waiter; Agnes Thomas as Mrs. Clandon, Harcourt Williams as Valentine, Dorothy Minto and Ellen O'Malley as Dolly and Gloria Clandon, respectively; A. E. George as Fergus, and James Hearne as Bohun.

Revival number three was that of the late and sometimes great Ibsen's morbid and mostly insane drama, *The Master Builder*, put up by Leigh Lovell at the tiny Bijou Theatre, Bayswater, last Tuesday. Lovell in the name part, Octavia Kenmore as that saucy minx, Flida Wangle, and especially Arthur Cheesney as the trodden old architect, played well and earnestly. For my part I must confess that as I sat out this revival from beginning to end I felt in my heart continuous pity to see such earnestness and ability spent upon a play so teeming with the insanest form of symbolism.

La Mila, the Living Statue, started an engagement at the Alhambra last Monday, and appeared (both biographically and in the real) as Godiva, recently represented by her in the Coventry Pageant. The *Belle of the Ball* is the title of the new ballet to be produced ere long at the Empire. I regret (and so say all of us!) to state that comedian Joseph Coyne (who as a humorist is really Sterling Coyne) must soon quit the cast of *The Merry Widow* at Daly's to return to your (and his) native land. His place will be taken by Maurice Tarkos.

Only two new plays are announced for next week—namely, *Joy*, by John Galoworthy, at the Savoy, and *Berry Doyle's Best Cure*, with which Otho Stuart will start his season at the Court next Wednesday.

GOSSIP.

The *Silver Girl*, a new play by Edward Peplé, has been selected to succeed *The Hurdy Gurdy Girl* at Wallack's.

J. W. Hartman, who has been in Australia the last two seasons, this season is manager of *Travers Vale's The Girl of the Sunny South*.

Wadsworth Harris, of James O'Neill's company, is a stepson of the late General Murray, who at one time was appointed United States Minister at Constantinople.

The *Man from Home*, the new play by Booth Tarkington, with Will T. Hodge in the leading role, was produced at Macauley's Theatre, Louisville, Ky., on Sept. 23.

William H. Boyd is now playing the part of Jack Rance, the sheriff, in the road company of *The Girl of the Golden West*. This is Mr. Boyd's second year under Belasco management.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill (Claire McDowell) at Everett, Mass., on Sept. 25. Mrs. Hill is a daughter of the late Eugene A. McDowell and Fanny Reeves McDowell.

The company engaged to support Digby Bell in *Shore Acres* includes Leslie Stowe, James T. Galloway, Rex L. Kingdon, Edwin August, S. S. Wiltzie, Dorothy Herne, Eileen Goodwin, Alice Hayes, and Helen Whitman.

A. H. Woods has returned from the Adirondacks, where he has been resting for the past month. He has greatly improved in health.

Walter Lawrence, who plays Tom Otis in *The Hurdy Gurdy Girl*, was obliged to remain away from the theatre for several performances last week on account of a severe cold. His part was sung by John B. Park.

Robert Courtide, one of the authors of the light opera, *Tom Jones*, will sail for America on Oct. 5. He will stage the American production of the opera for Henry W. Savage.

Austin Strong, the playwright, arrived in New York last week, bringing with him the manuscript of two plays, *What Happened Then* and *The Toyemaker of Nuremberg*.

Erna West, who is playing Mrs. Bix in *Three of Us*, in Brooklyn last week, slipped in alighting from a street car and badly injured her knee. She persisted in playing her role in spite of the pain.

The title of *The Snow Man* has been changed to *Max from Holland*. The piece is now in rehearsal at the American Theatre Hall.

Samuel Tornberg, who has been popular on the Yiddish stage as a comedian and has also appeared with several English-speaking companies, has been engaged by P. H. Sullivan as star in a new four-act comedy-drama by Hal Reid,

REVIEWS OF NEW PLAYS.

ISEN, MORALITY, AND MUSICAL NONSENSE IN REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES.

Madame Nazimova Appears in Her Third Ibsen
Book and is Enthusiastically Received—Edwin Milton Royle's Attempt at Uniting Medieval Fancy with Modern Form—A New Richard Curtis Comedy Without Curtis.

To be reviewed next week:

THE EVANGELIST..... Knickerbocker
THE GIRL BEHIND THE COUNTER..... Herald Square
DION O'DARE..... Blaney's Lincoln Square
BUNCO IN ARIZONA..... American
THE MAXIMA MAN..... Yorkville

Bijou—The Master Builder.

Drama, in three acts, by Henrik Ibsen. Re-
vived, Sept. 23. (Sam S. and Lee Shubert,
Inc., manager.)

Halvard Solness..... Walter Hampden
Aline Solness..... H. Reeves-Smith
Dr. Herdal..... Cyril Young
Knut Bjork..... Warner Oland
Kata Poll..... Rosalind Ivan
Hilda Wangel..... Alla Nazimova

If Madame Nazimova's impersonation of Hilda Wangel does not greatly illumine the haze supposed to be enveloping *The Master Builder*, her performance of the role at least adds to her fame already won. Her Hilda differs from her Nora as much as her Nora differed from her Hedda, or from her coquettish Contessa. She seems to have a distinct personality for each of the roles she plays. She not only distinguishes the mental attributes of her characters, but their gait, their gestures, their stature, their faces, even. Her most recent attempt is a triumph for her art, for in spite of the dullness of the almost interminable dialogue, she compels her audience to pay serious attention to the business of the stage.

As to the truthfulness of her impersonation, opinions must differ, for of all the commentators who have written upon *The Master Builder*, no two of them have yet agreed as to the meaning of the play. There is still a strong tendency to search for the occult in Ibsen's writings, and a seeming disinclination to accept them for their face value, and since the dramatist never offered explanations of his work to inquirers, naturally his critics, speculating each for himself, have arrived at widely diverse conclusions. Yet Ibsen's work, on the surface alone, contains enough to preclude the need of delving after hidden meanings. Of course, Ibsen's characters are symbols—for want of a better word—typifying some universal, human fact, but they are not any more cabalistic than a great artist's painted representations of living people. The obscurity of *The Master Builder* quickly disappears when the entire story is remembered; when all that precedes the three acts of the written drama is considered as part of the play.

Though the story of the play has often been told, yet a brief summary will not be out of place. Halvard Solness, a master builder, who has learned his business through his own mistakes, is obsessed by a morbid fear of himself. He has a diseased will that makes him afraid of his ideals. He believes that he is gifted with the power of possessing what he desires, and is afraid of the consequences that attend possession. To his home comes Hilda Wangel, a young woman, the personification of his opposite. Ten years before she had seen Solness climb to the top of a church steeple and hang a wreath on the vase. At that time he had promised her to return and give her a kingdom. The time being up, she comes to him instead to claim her kingdom and to see him again climb to the top of a steeple. But she finds that Solness has given up building churches and builds only "homes for human beings." She finds him fearing the coming of the "younger generation" that is to take his work away from him, fearing to climb any more steeples, because of his dizziness. She arouses him to a realization of himself, and forces him to carry the wreath to the pinnacle of his new house. He achieves the feat, but falls when he has reached the top, and is killed.

Madame Nazimova as Hilda is the personification of youth, health and the "robust conscience." Dressed in a mountain climbing costume of heavy boots, short skirts, loose, plaid waist and a large hat, with a red feather stuck through the upturned brim in front, she bursts into the sombre atmosphere of the Solness home like the sunshine she calls her. There is freedom in all her movements and in her voice—freedom, not liberty. She at no time suggests that Hilda desires to control Solness for her own satisfaction. She does not drive him to the climb that kills him for the gratification of her own vanity, but to force him into the position in which she believes he belongs. The exultation in her shout: "My master builder!" when he has climbed to the top and fallen, is for him, not for herself. Her scene with Mrs. Solness is full of tenderness and filled with a splendid understanding. If there is a fault in her impersonation it is found in the apparent age she gives the character. Nazimova makes Hilda appear to be a girl of seventeen, when the lines make her twenty-two or three.

As to Walter Hampden's performance in the role of Solness, praise must be given with reservation. He makes Solness too much of an ill-tempered bore and not enough of a dreamer, to satisfy the play's descriptions of the character. He gives the impression of doggedly accepting Hilda's persuasions, of going to climb the steeple with his teeth set and fear in his heart, with none of the exultation of newly recovered confidence. However, granting that his idea of the character is correct, his acting is extremely good. Gertrude Berkley, in the strange role of Mrs. Solness, gives an agreeable performance of the role, emphasizing the peculiarities of the character's mild insanity. H. Reeves-Smith is natural and human in the role of Dr. Herdal. Warner Oland as Ragnar Bjork plays the part in the proper key, and satisfactorily indicates the young, ambitious mind of Solness' employee. Rosalind Ivan is good as the weak, infatuated Kata, and Cyril Young as Knut Bjork does his share at filling out an altogether good cast.

The settings are in excellent taste, and the illusion of the fall of Solness, at the end of the play is effectively managed.

Other performances of *The Master Builder* in New York occurred on Jan. 17, 1900, at Carnegie Lyceum, with W. H. Pascoe as Solness and Florence Kahn as Hilda; at the Berkeley Lyceum in April, 1905, by the Progressive Stage Society, with J. H. Greene and Eda Bruna in the leading roles, and on May 12, 1905, on the occasion of a benefit for the Mrs. Gilbert memorial, when William Hazelton played Solness and Amy Ricard Hilda.

Hackett—The Struggle Everlasting.
Play, in prologue and three acts, by Edwin Milton Royle. Produced Sept. 25. (Henry B. Harris, manager.)

Worldly-Wise..... Robert Peyton Carter
Mind..... Arthur Byron
The Hermit..... Henry Johnson
Body..... Florence Roberts
The Mother..... Minna Adelman
Son..... A. Roberts
Sister..... B. A. Roberts
First Sister..... Joseph Bayley
Second Sister..... Clay Boyd
The Minstrel..... E. W. Morrison
Bacchus..... C. Jay Williams
A Chorus Girl..... Isabel Garrison
The Janitor..... Daniel Morris
His Wife..... Minna Adelman
The Prince..... Francis Sedgwick
The Pugilist..... Franklyn Morris
His Trainer..... Joseph Hawley
The Actor..... John Adelman
His Wife..... Edwin Holt
Salina Fetter Royle..... Daniel Morris
Da. Witt Jennings..... Do. Witt Jennings
Soul.....

Edwin Milton Royle has come remarkably near fulfilling his promise of writing a modern moral

ity play. He has succeeded in producing a hybrid work, more curious than interesting, whose very oddity may give it some degree of box office popularity. There are unquestionably good moments in the play, scenes of strength that grip the audience, but there are many bad moments, situations nearly nonsensical in their inconsistency, that exclude serious consideration. There is no doubt as to the sincerity of the author. He evidently worked conscientiously to present a symbolic drama with modern dress and medieval simplicity, but he has handled his material so crudely that the result is unhappy. Had the play a distinctive literary quality and did it show more careful construction it would deserve a rank higher than a dramatic curiosity.

The struggle in this title is probably meant to be the conflict of the soul against human desires. The characters all represent human qualities or human experience. The prologue takes place in the wilderness. A young college student, representing Mind, has left his companions and taken up his home in the woods, hunting game with a camera and pursuing the spirit of nature, typified by Body, a woman. Worldly Wise, a college professor, attempts to persuade Mind to return to his college; the mother of Mind comes into the wilderness after him, tries to lead him back and a Hermit, into whose cave the mother has put her newborn child, Mind's brother, adds his persuasion. But Body is stronger than them all. She finds herself opposed by the mother and kills her. Then Mind, at the sight of his mother's blood, leaves the woods and goes back home.

The scene of the first act is a fraternity house at the university on graduation day. The young student has become enamored of the servant of Worldly Wise, but is not inclined to take her into the world with him. She, on the other hand, becomes attracted by a new experience offered by a musician, and leaves the student just as he learns that she is what he most desires. The old Hermit of the wilderness brings in the baby of the prologue, and leaves it on the student's table. The boys adopt it, make it a member of the fraternity and give it to the janitor and his wife to be reared.

Time has passed when the second act begins. The servant girl—the spirit of the woods in the prologue—has become wealthy and notorious. Among her admirers are a prince, a pugilist, an actor and a banker, the latter her chief support. She has become bored by her experiences and still seeks new ones. Mind, her first lover, has now become an observer of her experiences, coldly seeking the truth that appears on the surface. The woman has left behind her a train of wrecked lives. The pugilist fails in a championship fight and she casts him off; the actor forgets his lines and goes mad; the musician of the first act, now become a street player, breaks his instrument at sight of her and drowns himself; the banker, for her sake, gives up his business and his family and goes bankrupt and to the workhouse. But a young evangelist, whom by accident she has heard preach, leads her away with him.

In the third and last act she is under the spell of the evangelist, seeking still another experience. The student, still studying her, learns that the young clergyman is the fraternity brother of the first act, and his own brother. He offers her then the experience of renunciation, and to save the evangelist the woman kills herself. In her death she grasps in one hand a book of Daily Life and in the other a rouge paw.

Florence Roberts plays the character of Body with great technical skill and excellent power of expression, but with very little magnetism. She is an actress of wide experience, gifted with a fine speaking voice and evidently of a high intellectual type, but her acting in this play lacks the soul that goes over the footlights. Perhaps the fault is in the character, for it is seldom that such an altogether heartless creature is portrayed on the stage. Arthur Byron as Mind gives a good performance, a little too hard and cold and cynical in manner maybe, but generally effective. Minna Adelman as the mother, in the prologue, acts the part with almost no feeling and shouts her lines. As the janitor's wife, in the first act, she is better. Robert Peyton Carter is excellent as Worldly Wise. De Witt Jennings as the evangelist is scarcely exalted enough, though he delivers his speeches with much force and acts agreeably. Francis Sedgwick as the prince is extremely good, and the work of Franklin Roberts as the pugilist could scarcely be improved upon. E. W. Morrison as the musician gives a fine performance of the role, and is especially good in the pantomime in the second act. Edwin Holt is effectively natural as the banker. Mrs. Sella Fetter Royle plays the bit of the banker's wife with a great deal of charm. The other roles are all satisfactorily played.

The settings of the various scenes are most effective. The scenery of each act is in harmony with the nature of the act, and minor details are well managed.

Wallack's—The Hurdy Gurdy Girl.
Musical comedy in three acts; book by Richard Carle; music by H. L. Hart. Produced Sept. 23. (Richard Carle, manager.)

Bertha Mills..... John E. Hazard
Judge Terence Fitzgerald..... John Mayne Kelso
Mary Fitzgerald..... Adele Rowden
Otto Ludwig Otis..... John W. Ransome
Sarah Otis..... Annie Yeaman
Tom Otis..... Walter Lawrence
Felix Bunn..... Harry Stone
Old Bunn..... Jacques Kruger
Miss Cuticle..... May Boley
Milo..... Sylvain Langlois
Rome..... James Hunter
Mrs. McShane..... Tony Sullivan
Mr. Whee..... Nat. Kolb
A Walking Delegate..... Hughie Flaherty
Chuck Rixby..... Victor Bosart
Porter No. 1..... Oscar Jones
Porter No. 2..... James Russell
The Kicker..... F. S. Scholl
Policeman Ajax.....

Richard Carle's *The Hurdy Gurdy Girl*, while pleasing in some respects, failed to strike the note intended by the author. It is funny in places, but the comedy element is not sustained throughout. There are some novelties, a few catchy songs, and a sprightly chorus, but it should have had a little more ginger for a production of this kind. The management behind seemed to feel the anticipating effects of something going wrong, and the nervous expectations were realized during the first and second acts. But this incidental first-night uncertainty which marred the production Monday night is something that, fortunately, could be remedied at subsequent performances. It might be well not to neglect to deodorize the ancient flavor of some of the jokes while this remedial process is going on.

A few of the lyrics were good, but whether everybody from Broadway to Kalifornia will be whistling all of them for the next six months is too unsafe a prediction for any one to make.

A scenic change made before the eyes of the audience pleased those whom the mysteries of stage mechanism strike with the wonder which a rattle box embodies to a curious youngster trying to find the cause of the noise inside. The house was darkened for a moment; then a row of large, staring red lights over the heads of the orchestra suddenly penetrated the gloom, revealing in the background an industrious lot of stage hands flitting about gnome-like as they carried off sets and replaced them with an odd assortment of flats. After the muffled sound of shuffling footsteps ceased and the last rope was put into place the Times Building made its appearance like the Old Man of the Sea coming out of a fog. The scene showed a faithful reproduction of that part of Broadway, with its electric signs and well-known landmarks. The other scenes showed careful preparation and were artistically mounted.

The chorus danced and sang into the graces of the audience as "milkmen," "postmen," "newsboys," and "white wings."

Mixed identity furnished the subject for the plot. The daughter of a rich sausage maker had been stolen fifteen years before by an Italian organ grinder and his wife. The Italian's wife has a fondness for bad chianti, and takes the child to a foundling asylum during one of her

drunken fits, and on her way back picks up another baby. The sausage king is told that the hurdy gurdy girl is not the child of the Italian pair, but his daughter. He is about to claim her as such when he discovers the substitution and finds that his daughter has been adopted by Judge Terence Fitzgerald. A year on her lip reveals her identity—not a "milk," "mouse," or the like—mark so popular with some dramatists and novelists.

A spirit of fun actuates all the characters, and none of the players allowed themselves to take too seriously a touch of mock pathos that occasionally cropped up in the lines.

Lola, the hurdy gurdy girl, was pleasantly acted by Bertha Mills, whose singing, while nothing extraordinary, pleased. Annie Yeaman had only a few lines, but played the part of Sarah Otis with a dash that many younger women might envy. John E. Hazard was Judge Terence Fitzgerald, and Mayne Kelso played the judge's wife. Adele Rowden acquitted herself as their daughter. John W. Ransome as the sausage king worked hard to make a long part interesting and amusing. Walter Lawrence was unfortunate in his singing, as the weather affected his voice, compelling him to do a pantomime before the audience while an understudy sang his songs from the wings. Harry Stone had all the self-importance of a hotel clerk conscious of managing the whole establishment better than the proprietor. Jacques Kruger as Old Bunn, the biblyously inclined gentleman who never was happy unless fondling a glassful of his favorite beer, played the part with a droll humor. May Boley impersonated Miss Cuticle, the manicure girl, with a regalness that made her acting acceptable. Sylvain Langlois made a good street musician and gave the part the real burlesque-Sicilian flavor. The other roles were acceptably filled by Hughie Flaherty, Victor Bosart, Oscar Jones, James Russell, and F. S. Scholl.

Harlem Opera House—Hold by the Enemy.

It is a good many years since William Gillette produced *Hold by the Enemy*, but the old play still interests and occasionally thrills, and a series of large audiences last week testified their appreciation of the efforts of the players by frequent and hearty applause. John Craig played Colonel Prescott in a forcible, convincing way, and was especially good in the third act. William Norton shared the honors with Mr. Craig, as his delineation of the disagreeable character of Lieutenant Hayne left nothing to be desired. Mr. Norton's popularity increases every week, and he is given the warmest kind of a reception at every performance. Beatrice Morgan played Rachel Prescot, and was especially good in the third act. William Norton shared the honors with Mr. Craig, as his delineation of the disagreeable character of Lieutenant Hayne left nothing to be desired. Mr. Norton's popularity increases every week, and he is given the warmest kind of a reception at every performance. Beatrice Morgan played Rachel Prescot, and was especially good in the third act.

Charles J. Fyffe, of the Edwin Forrest Home, Springbrook, has probably played as many Shakespearean characters as any actor of his day, and at different times has been cast for all the main parts in Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, Richard III, Romeo and Juliet and As You Like It. While with the great tragedian, Edwin Forrest, he played the important role of Edgar in King Lear, the Ghost in Hamlet, De Mauprat in Jack Cade.

On the anniversary of his seventy-seventh birthday, on Sept. 16, Mr. Fyffe was given a surprise party by some twenty of his friends at one of their homes in the form of a musical and supper. There was a huge birthday cake and presentation of a handsome silk umbrella with his name carved on the shamrock design of the artistic handle. During the evening a trio of white frock little maidens came through an open door, bearing a great cluster of jacquemint rose buds, which they gracefully presented to the septuagenarian player. At the head of this article is a picture of Mr. Fyffe as Macbeth, a semblance of the venerable actor in his prime.

METROPOLIS.—The Ninety and Nine proved a popular attraction here last week. This week, *Me. Him and I*.

BLANEY'S LINCOLN SQUARE.—W. H. Turner in *His Terrible Secret* was the attraction here last week. This week Fiske O'Hara makes his first appearance in his new play, *Dion O'Dare*.

CASINO.—The Lady from Lane's ended its season at this house Saturday night and started on tour. The theatre will be dark this week.

*YONKERVILLE.—A new edition of Me. Him and I, with Wrothe, Watson and Arlington as the principal fun makers, was well received here last week. This week, George Sidney in *The Masuma Man*.*

A VENERABLE ACTOR HONORED.



West End—Il Trovatore.
The Van Den Berg Opera company continues to draw good business to the West End, and with the advent of cooler weather will soon be playing to capacity business. The bill last week was Verdi's ever popular opera, *Il Trovatore*, which was well put on and sung finely. This excellent company is reaching a high level of excellence, its work last week showing a great advance and promising many good things to come. The cast was as follows: Leonora, Pauline Perry and Mile. Alceste; Ines, Almeda Norton; Azucena, Georgie Strauss and Jennie Linden; Manrico, George Tallman and William Xanton; Ruda, Lee Hermon; Gypsy, Frank Chapman; Messer, Henry Riehl; Count di Luna, Signor Achille Alberti and Hubert Wilke; Ferrando, William Schuster. Monday night Miss Jennie Linden, who was to play Azucena, was unable to appear, and Georgie Strauss went on in the part at a moment's notice and without rehearsal, making a pronounced success. This week, Faust.

Fifth Avenue—Anna Karenina.

The version of *Anna Karenina*, presented a short time ago at the Harlem Opera House, was given here last week, with Edna May Spooner in the title role. Miss Spooner gave a good performance and won the sympathy of her audiences. Augustus Phillips made a manly and efficient Vronsky and Harold Kennedy also came in for his usual share of applause. Ben F. Wilson as Prince Stephen, Arthur Evers as the husband and Master Morgan E. Bishop as the child did excellent work. Others in the cast were Arthur D. Nealand, W. L. West, Harold Claremont, Jessie McAllister, Olive Grove, Eleanor Wisdom, Josephine Fox and Brian Carlisle. The play was well staged and ran smoothly. Charles Delmore sang between the acts. This week's play is *Lovers' Lane*.

At Other Playhouses.

FOURTEENTH STREET—Lew Welch in The Shoemaker makes a personal hit, and the play pleased the audiences at this house last week. The cast was as follows: Morris Goldberg, Lew Welch; Shoshone Pete and Cactus Bill; Frank J. Wood; John Pierson, William Elliott; Dopey Mack, Joseph L. Dixon; Bonnie Benedict, Thomas H. Kruger; Loney Tom, George Phelps; Dead Shot Mike, William Frick; Red Eagle, Charles F. Harris; Snakes Duffy, James D. McCabe; Dora Goldberg, Beth Tate; Helen Pierson, Lillie May White; Mariel Hamilton, May Noble. This week, Kidnapped for Revenge.

KNICKERBOCKER—Fritz Schell's engagement in Mile. Modiste ended Saturday night, to make way for *The Evangelist*, the new play by Henry Arthur Jones.

HERALD SQUARE—Lew Fields in The Girl Behind the Counter replaces *Anna Karenina* at this house to-night.

MAJESTIC—The Spell was withdrawn Saturday night, and last night Virginia Harned in *Anna Karenina* began an indefinite engagement here.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Eleanor Robson in Salomé ended a successful engagement here Saturday night, and last night Denman Thompson made his reappearance in *The Old Home- stead*.

THALIA—Chuck Connors was back home last week in From Broadway to the Bowery, and the play was well received by patrons of the house. This week, *The Way of the Transgressor*.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Fascinating Flora pleased large audiences here all last week. This week, Anna Held in *The Parisian Model*.

AMERICAS—A Chorus Girl's Luck in New York attracted large crowds here last week, and the play proved one of the most popular of the season's attractions. This week, Lillian Mortimer in *Bunco in Arizona*.

NEW STAR—The sensational melodrama, Kidnapped for Revenge, made its first visit of the season to this house last week, and was enthusiastically received. Will H. Vedder was seen in the leading role of Prince, the pickpocket, and the remainder of the cast was as follows: John Lawson, Alfred Clark; Matthew Vanbrough, John Lehman; Timothy McDonald, Matt Malloy; Luigi Diavola, R. G. Vignola; Isaac Samuels, Paul Klotz; Dick Speedy, Joe Allerton; Sam Blumson, Francis Stratton; Giovanni Vizatti, Walter S. Howard; Ralph Humphrey, David Darrell; Will Heftron, Will Smith; John McHorney, Hugh Dillman; Chef, William McKenzie; Tony, Richard French; Florence Anson, May Johnson; Morgan, Norman Chapple; Gibson, Roy Townsend; Grace Vanbrough, Mildred

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HONESTY.

ALTHOUGH it has changed its human complexion somewhat, New England more or less steadily maintains its ancient reputation for reformatory theories and measures.

A season or two ago various cities in that part of the country, by local ordinances, declared against sensational theatrical posters, claiming that they exercised a demoralizing influence upon the public. It is apparent that this ruling did not obtain in Hartford, Conn., where melodramatic printing would seem still to be free from the ban; yet a number of the people of that staid and sober community have taken a step hardly less disconcerting to amusement enterprises which depend upon a thrilling billboard display. These goodly people of Hartford—and they are aided and abetted in their plan by at least a part of the local press—have organized in an effort to force theatrical managers to live up to their ante-exhibition promises made on the billboards. That is to say, if the printing illustrates this or that thrilling episode of the play, the play itself must make good the promise.

The Hartford *Courant*, arguing upon this demand for verity, claims that governmental interference has caused producers of foodstuffs to have their goods correspond to their advertisements, and asks "what license has the theatrical manager to conduct his business on a different principle?"

Probably the theatrical manager has no license to picture matters that are not realized in the play, and, by the way, it is safe to add that there are very few managers who in their pictorial printing exceed the realities of their drama. In fact, it may be said that "promises" are more often broken by other persons who deal with the public than by theatrical managers.

Persons in Hartford who go to the theatre expecting to see things which they do not see, being misled by the bills, have a perfect right to mark the manager of any such misleading enterprise for future shunning; but it would be unfair to managers who cause to be done on the stage all things, diverse and various and wonderful, that their printing promises. If these Hartford persons, once deceived, should thereupon declare against all theatregoing. And they themselves would be the greater losers if

they should taboo all plays because one play did not meet expectation based on the billboard showing. Let these good persons of Hartford be as fair in this as they would be in other matters. It is safe to say that if they find sand in sugar bought at one grocery they do not therefore stop buying sugar; or that if in a dicker with one horse trade, they get the worst of a bargain they do not thereupon forewear horse-trading; or that if their favorite political candidate this Fall promises things which he forgets all about after election, they will refrain from voting at the next election. Guile, deceit and false promises abound on all sides, and these Hartford persons will find, if they go to the play regularly, that the theatre is on the whole a fairly honest institution, as well as a source of much healthful excitement and amusement.

THE IDEAL PLAY.

A New York newspaper the other day gathered professional opinions as to "the ideal play." This inquiry seems to be a fixture on the editorial calendar, for at least once a year one or another journal takes it up in a discussion which never leads to a definite result.

The fact is that so far as mere opinion is concerned, the judgment of the habitual theatregoer of intelligence is as worthy of consideration as the notion of a member of the theatrical profession. The average theatrical manager would be inclined to consider as ideal the play that would show the largest pecuniary return, while the tendency of the average actor would naturally be toward a play which for himself or herself could furnish an ideal role.

Unembarrassed by these considerations, which reflect no discredit upon those whom they may—possibly unconsciously— influence, the playgoer probably takes a broad view in his search for the ideal play. Yet here, again, a difficulty intervenes. One playgoer might vote as ideal a drama which would not even please another playgoer; and there are habits of the theatre of as many classes as there are types of plays, with as many minds, almost, as there are individuals as to what represents the ideal in drama.

While the "ideal" play may be impossible, from a lofty view point, there are plays in considerable number at all times that to one or another intelligence, or to one or another group of minds seem to fully satisfy. There is and can be no perfect play, if by that is meant one that will appeal alike to all who witness it. The variety that marks human nature is a bar to perfection in any appeal to human nature and with plays—as with most other things—we shall have to accept the best we can get and let that acceptance suffice, as practical matters go. Yet there is no ban upon a wish for the impossible, and if most persons could not habitually aspire to that life would indeed be drab and dreary.

GRACE MERRITT.

Grace Merritt is rapidly assuming a commanding position on the American stage. Her present season had an auspicious opening at Providence on Sept. 16, where she played to large audiences. Miss Merritt is now playing return engagements throughout New England, appearing as Princess Mary Tudor in *When Knighthood Was in Flower*. She is received everywhere with capacity houses. Her manager, Ernest Shipman, of this city, is planning a New York engagement early next year for his young star in a new play, and her debut on Broadway will be watched with much interest.

The critics, wherever Miss Merritt has appeared as Mary Tudor, praise her gifts of voice, personal charm and rare versatility, and speak of her as a "born comedienne," who is possessed also of emotional powers which are destined to win for her highest honors.

THE Mirror is pleased to present a portrait of Miss Merritt on the first page, in which she appears dressed as The Lady in *Bernard Shaw's Man of Destiny*, a role she originated in this country.

THE PASSION PLAY BY BAVARIANS.

A company of Bavarians gave a performance of the Passion Play at Terrace Garden Theatre on Sept. 23. There had been no announcement of the entertainment, and practically no audience witnessed the performance. Four members of the company, G. and S. Fassnacht, Herr Trautmann and Fraulein Trautmann, are said to have been members of the cast of the last Passion Play at Oberammergau.

THE LANCERS PRODUCED.

The Lancers, with Cecilia Loftus and Lawrence D'Orsay as joint stars, was produced at Farson's Theatre, Hartford, Conn., on Sept. 27. The play is said to be extremely amusing and was well received at the first performance. In the cast were Eileen Anglin, Ben Field, Fred Tyler, Arthur Laurence, Wilfred North, Hubert Harben, R. H. Van Buren, Ida Darling, and Phoebe Coyne.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK TO LONDON?

It was reported last week that arrangements were being made to send Raymond Hitchcock and some members of his company now playing in A Yankee Tourist to London shortly before the holidays. Besides A Yankee Tourist he will probably appear in The Yankee Consul and King Dod.

KESLER RETURNS TO YIDDISH.

David Kessler returned to the Yiddish stage this week as a member of the K. Lipschitz theatrical company, which plays at both the Kalich and Thalia theatres. Mr. Kessler's popularity on the East Side is unquestioned, and his friends feel that his attempt at an English speaking role was ill-advised.

PERSONAL.



Broese—Here is a picture of Edmund Broese as he appeared in the role of a skipper off the Maine Coast during his Summer vacation.

BLINN—Holbrook Blinn will leave the cast of *The Man of the Hour* at the end of this week to join Arnold Daly's Berkeley Lyceum company.

HOPMANN—Josef Hofmann will sail for New York on Oct. 12 to begin his concert tour.

SKINNER—Otis Skinner began his season at New Rochelle, N. Y., on Sept. 28 in *Emile Fabre's* four act play, *The Honor of the Family*.

ADAMS—Maude Adams opened her season in *Peter Pan* at the Majestic Theatre, Utica, N. Y., on Sept. 27. She will continue on tour until Christmas week when she will come to the Empire Theatre for a run. The Jesters will be produced on Jan. 7.

RUSSELL—Henry Russell, director of the San Carlo Opera company arrived in New York on Sept. 24 on the *Kaiser Wilhelm*. He will begin his season at Boston on Dec. 9.

GILMORE—E. G. Gilmore, manager of the Academy of Music, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is improving and is expected to be soon at work again.

MANNING—Mary Manning has begun rehearsals of *Glorious Betsy*, and will open her season at Plainfield, N. J., on Oct. 14.

CARTER—Mrs. Leslie Carter has postponed the opening of her season until later in the year. It is said that the play in which she expects to appear has not yet been finished.

BURT-STANFORD—Laura Burt and Henry Stanford will open their season as co-stars in *The Walls of Jericho* at Perth Amboy, N. J., on Oct. 12. Last season they played Dorothy Vernon of *Haddon Hall*.

YEAMANS—A testimonial benefit is being arranged for Annie Yeamans on the occasion of her retirement from the stage, at the close of the engagement of *The Hurdy Gurdy Girl* at Wallack's Theatre.

RUSSELL—Lillian Russell's house at 161 West Fifty-seventh Street and all its contents, are to be sold at auction this week without reservation. The sale will begin to-morrow (Wednesday). Miss Russell's present contract will keep her on the road practically all of the time for three years.

WILSON—Francis Wilson was out of the cast of *When Knights Were Bold* last Wednesday night on account of a severe cold. His part was taken by Augustin Duncan, who regularly plays Widdicombe in the production.

GADSKI—Madame Gadski, the opera singer will arrive in New York this week to begin her opera season.

CHAMBERS—It has just come to light that the omission of the name of C. Haddon Chambers as adapter from the program and advertising for *The Thief*, was done at his own request. Mr. Chambers said he wished full credit to be given to the author, Henri Bernstein, and that he did not care to be known as an adapter.

EAMES—The only concert appearances that Emma Eames will make in New York this season will be with the New York Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

CONRAD—Heinrich Conrad will sail from Bremen to-day on the *Kronprinzessin Cecilie*. Last week he spent touring the principal cities of Germany in a motor car.

IRWIN—May Irwin has bought from Frank J. Kelly a four story house at 156 West Forty-fifth street. The adjoining houses are owned by Charles Dillingham.

JONES—Henry Arthur Jones will return to England on Oct. 3, after witnessing the first New York production of *The Evangelist*. He says his next play will be a comedy.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The *Theatre Magazine* for October gives much space to Richard Mansfield. It also gives a detailed description of Percy MacKaye's new poetic tragedy *Sappho and Phaon*, which Bertha Kalich will produce this season, as well as an interview with Paul Hervieu, the French dramatist whose play, *The Awakening*, will be presented here by Olga Nethersole. The regular interview of the month is devoted to Alex. Carr, who won note last season by his impersonation of David Warfield. The pictures include, in addition to the cover in colors, giving a portrait of Henry Miller in *The Great Divide*, portraits of Margaret Illington, Kyle Belieu, David Belasco, Frances Starr, John Drew, Billie Burke, Virginia Harned, Richard Golden, Katherine Florence, Ethel Jackson, Dorothy Donnelly, Vincent Serrano, Walker Whiteside, Adeline Bourne, Bernice Golden Henderson, Tristie Frigana, Louis Glaser, Marie Doro, Hattie Williams, Irene Bentley, Pauline Frederick, Mary Manning, Eliza Snyder, Mary Boland, Julia Sanderson, Hunley Wright, Edgar Selwyn, Adelaine Ristori, and

Henry C. Shelley, dramatic editor of the *Boston Herald*, has had published by Little, Brown and Company a story of the life of John Harvard, under the title of "John Harvard and His Times."

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

1. Do replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, confidential or irrelevant queries. No private address published. Questions regarding the whereabouts of players will not be answered. Letters to members of the profession addressed to care of The Mirror will be forwarded if possible.

2. **George Cramm, Brooklyn:** We have no record of *Dom Boudreuil* playing in an American production of *Wilful Cope*.

3. **George Cramm, Jamaica, L. I.:** There is no record of George Mitchell appearing in the play you mention.

4. **A. J. S., Southwest, Va.:** Blanche Walsh played Virginia Warne in *Trifles* at the Garden Theatre, New York, Nov. 17, 1905. Wilton Lacke was in the same cast.

5. **E. J. Potts, St. Louis:** Robert Mantell appeared in *The Dancer and the Cross* at the Bijou Theatre, Oct. 1, 1905. You have probably confused the title with *The Sign of the Cross*, Wilson Barrett's play.

6. **F. A. B., Toledo:** Printed press sheets are sent out by nearly all the important producing managers in New York. Some of them are the Shuberts, David Belasco, Henry W. Savage, Cohan and Harris, William A. Brady, A. H. Woods, Charles Frohman, Lester and Company, and others. Leslie and Grady issue a "Greater New York Amusement Guide" that might also be of interest to you.

7. **A. P. D., St. Louis:** You, Samuel Lover, the novelist, wrote a musical drama. It was called *The Greek Boy*. It was first performed at Covent Garden on Sept. 28, 1860, with Madame Vestris as Hyllus in the title role. Miss Cooper appeared as Benedicta. Other members of the cast were Miss Agnes Taylor, Alfred Wigan, Keely, Granby, Dickey, F. Matthews, C. J. Smith and W. H. Payne.

8. **H. R. S., Emma Abbott died Jan. 5, 1901, at Salt Lake City.** She had been ill with pneumonia but a few days, having appeared on New Year's Eve in *Renasci*. She was born in Chicago, soon after her birth her father moved to Peoria, Ill., where he earned a meagre income as a musician. The daughter, taught to sing and play the guitar by her father, gained some local fame. Undergoing great privations, she worked her way East until she reached New York city, where she came under the notice of Clara Louise Kellogg, who obtained for her a position in a church choir. The members of this church were so impressed by her talent that they made up a purse of \$10,000 to send her abroad. In Paris Emma Abbott studied under Marchesi and was coached in acting by Charles Fechter. She made her operatic debut in London in 1876, appearing in *La Fligia del Regimento*. Upon her return to America she appeared in concert for a time and soon after at the head of her own opera company. She was unusually popular, especially throughout the West.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As to Press Agents.

New York, Sept. 25, 1907.

To the Editor of *The Dramatic Mirror*:

SIR.—An article appears in the current "Munsey's Magazine," "The Confessions of a Press Agent," by Channing Pollock, which is such a bald misstatement of fact that I do not think, in justice to newspaper, dramatic and city editors, as well as to the present press representative, it should be allowed to go unanswered. Knowing that your readers are always open to any case which is based upon justice, I am adding my denial of Mr. Pollock's statements to you.

Mr. Pollock's article purports to be the confessions of a press agent—i. e., of the press agent body through his oracular lips. I deny it. It may be Mr. Pollock's personal confession, but certainly it does not represent more than his personal experience. He boasts that he has been a successful agent, and because he has not succeeded, he immediately comes up with the *professio*nal line. Mr. Pollock may describe himself as he pleases, but I prefer to furnish my own measurement. Admitting that Mr. Pollock is a man of boundless energy, infinite resource, wide surface knowledge, abundant imagination and successful in the money sense, the admission stops there; for he does not represent me, nor does he represent any considerable part of the press agent body, in so far as he asserts that we are all liars.

Mr. Pollock cites numerous instances of his big stories and boasts that he made monkeys of dramatic editors and easy marks of city editors. That, as a natural consequence, I will venture the guess that by far the majority of fake stories that are pulled over the desk originate with or are produced in collaboration with the newspaper that pulls the fake. There are certain newspapers that prefer an interesting fake to a true story, and for them the long bow is meat; and it is entirely true that often more conservative publications are forced to handle the story for the simple reason that it seems to be matter of fact, and its human interest so dramatic. But, mind you, this must not be taken as evidence that the press agent is a liar. The shoe fits the person, not the agent. He merely puts it on, in the capacity of a press agent.

Faking news

THE USHER



"Did records," says a correspondent of *The Kansan* at Columbia, S. C., "show that as early as 1735 a playhouse existed in the city of Charleston, S. C., at which concerts were given. In 1735 a new theatre was built, and the first play, in February of that year, was a tragedy called *The Orphan*. This was undoubtedly the first theatre in the American Colonies, the next attempt being in 1740 in the city of Philadelphia. The old playhouse is yet pointed out to visitors to the city of Charleston."

Selheimer's "History of the American Theatre" says that it is known that a regularly organized company played in New York a year earlier—in 1732—but offers no details. The same authority says that at about the same time two Englishmen and several Americans played *Otway's Orphan* at a coffee house in Boston, but that the real history of the American drama began with a production of Addison's *Cato* in Philadelphia in August, 1740.

Ireland's "Records of New York Stage," says that an announcement in the *New York Gazette* reviewed in the *Weekly Postboy*, states that a company of comedians took a room in a building on Nassau Street, New York, in 1750 and played *Richard III*. Selheimer's History makes the statement that this was the company which played in Philadelphia the previous year.

Blake's "History of the Providence Stage" says that a brick theatre was erected in Williamsburg, Va., in 1750, but gives no definite information about it. Authorities agree that the first New York theatre was erected in 1753.

Brown's "History of the New York Stage" says that a theatre situated on the east side of Nassau Street, called Hallam's Nassau Street Theatre, was the first building erected for theatrical performances in the Colonies. Hallam opened it with *The Conscious Lovers* on Sept. 17, 1753. There was another building in the same street, between John and Maiden Lane, given over to theatrical entertainments, where Kean and Murry appeared on March 5, 1750, according to the same authority.

Has the "old playhouse" at Charleston, said by *The Kansan* correspondent to be still standing, escaped the historians?

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Frank C. Bangs will return to active work on the stage. He will play the Canon of St. Magdalen in *The Secret Orchard*, having just signed for the role.

"I have entirely recovered from my serious accident, and have regained my usual health," said Mr. Bangs last week while in New York, and his appearance confirmed his words. He walks as firmly as ever, and his voice is as clear and sonorous as it was in his prime. He feels, in fact, that he is enjoying a new lease upon life.

It will be gratifying to Mr. Bangs' many professional friends that he is again himself, and the public, which long has applauded his work, may well be pleased that this sterling player will again be seen on the boards.

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Charles J. Fyffe, one of the prominent guests of the Forrest Home, at Springbrook, Pa., as is recorded in another column of *THE MIRROR* this week, was happily surprised on his seventy-seventh birthday, Sept. 16, by a party of non-professional friends.

Mr. Fyffe is rich in memories of Edwin Forrest, with whom he played; and among the venerable guests of the Forrest Home there is none more loyal to the traditions of the founder of that noble institution.

Last week Mr. Fyffe was engaged in overhauling, arranging and dusting the 8,000 volumes that comprise the fine library in which the guests of the Home delight when in a reading mood. His many friends, both of and outside of the dramatic profession, hope that Mr. Fyffe may continue yet for years as active and happy as he is to-day.

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The London *Athenaeum*, in the course of an essay upon Bernard Shaw largely devoted to eulogy, says that "Above all Shaw has rid the theatre of its thralldom to conventionality. The curse of the drama for many a long day has been its slavish habit of imitation. A makes a little effort in the direction of originality, and straightway B imitates A, and C imitates B. Mr. Shaw has been consistently himself, and so we are conscious in his work of a fresh and vigorous point of view. It is no small matter that this enemy of sentiment has almost laughed out of court the silly, romantic conventions long in vogue as to the relations of the sexes and has taught us how

men and women really speak to one another under the influence of sex-emotion."

Indeed. In the light of this discovery how foolish are those persons who have imagined that Shaw did all this and something more before Shaw began to write plays.

W. J. ELLIFORD IN TOWN

W. J. Elliford, proprietor and manager of the Elliford company, one of the best known dramatic organizations on the Pacific Coast, is in New York to arrange for plays, circuitous ideas and have a rest from business. He is accompanied by Mrs. Elliford and two friends.

Mr. Elliford has taken the place of Grinner and Davis in the West as manager of high grade repertoire and stock companies. The territory of his present company includes all of the principal cities of the Pacific Coast and extends as far east as Salt Lake City and as far west as Honolulu. The season is continuous, the only vacation his players get being the yearly voyage to the Hawaiian Islands and back. The higher class repertoires of a popular nature constitute the company's repertoire. This year such plays as *Secret Service*, *When We Were Twenty-one*, *The Girl I Left Behind Me*, *Are You a Mason*, and *A Texas Steer* have been used. The company was the first regular dramatic organization to play in the vicinity of San Francisco after the fire. It was booked for that city, but transferred to Oakland when the theatre was destroyed, and continued there for twenty-six weeks.

Mr. Elliford reports a good theatrical condition on the Coast. There are no idle actors in the Far West, he says, and people are in demand. San Francisco is being rapidly rebuilt, and there are more theatres now than there were before the fire. The street car troubles, that caused so much loss to the theatres, have been settled. Nearly every attraction of merit visiting the Coast this past Spring has done prosperous business. Mr. Elliford has been connected with theatrical life for thirty-five years, and says that he was never more encouraged than at the present time.

SHUBERTS AND MILLER IN HARMONY.

Both Lee Shubert and Henry Miller denied last week the rumor that they had disagreed and were about to sever their business relations. The contract between them still has several more months to run—until February, in fact—and both say it is too early to discuss the question of renewing it. What gave rise to the rumor seems to have been the passing of Madame Nasimova to the direction of the Shuberts instead of Henry Miller. Madame Nasimova's contract is with the Shuberts, and Mr. Miller at first allowed his name to appear as her director and to act in that capacity because he had time to attend to the details of her plays as well as his own. This season his duties are more extensive, with an extra production of consequence on his hands, and he has not cared to undertake other responsibilities.

SAVAGE SUES A SINGER.

Adelaide Norwood-Brandt, an opera singer, through her counsel, August P. Wagner, on Sept. 24 asked Supreme Court Justice Neuberger to allow her to discontinue her suit against Henry W. Savage for a cancellation of contract. Savage, through his counsel, Fromme Brothers, opposed the discontinuance of the suit. Decision was reserved. Savage brings a counter-suit against the opera singer for \$20,000 damages, stating that on June 6, 1906, he employed Madame Norwood-Brandt to sing in the American production of *Madam Butterfly* and other roles to which she might be assigned. He declares she refused to perform the agreement, asserting she understood she was to create the role of *Madam Butterfly* in this country, and it was on that ground that she asked the contract to be canceled.

ALFRED DALBY INJURED.

Alfred Dalby, musical director of *The Spring Chicken*, was badly injured in a railway wreck in which fifteen persons were killed Saturday afternoon at Bellair, O. The company was riding in the rear car of the train, but Mr. Dalby had gone forward to the smoker when the accident occurred. He was caught under a heavy timber, and it was found necessary to amputate his right arm.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.

Herbert Kelcey and Effie Shannon, under the personal direction of Ferdinand Gottschalk, are rounding their new play, *Bridge*, into what looks like a Broadway success. They will devote four weeks to rehearsals before taking the road for a try-out.

Mary Shaw is reading plays from the French and German with a view to finding a vehicle which will give her an entree to Broadway. Bernard Shaw's new play will not be ready for her until late in the year.

Grace Merritt has purchased from James Slevin his translation of *Divorçons*, in which she will appear during the present season.

Gertrude Shipman, under the management of but not related to Ernest Shipman, will open her season in Dorothy Vernon of *Haddon Hall* in New Haven, Conn., on Oct. 7.

Marion Stanley was out of the cast of *The Rogers Brothers in Panama* through illness, Friday night.

Madelyn Summers has been engaged for a special dance with Anna Held in the second act of *The Parisian Model*.

Beginning this week Wednesday, matinees will be given at Daly's Theatre.

A new musical number, entitled "Cupid's Gay Bouquet," was added to *The Rogers Brothers in Panama* last Friday night. The solo part was sung by Walter Ware.

Elsie Janis will open her season in *The Hounds* at Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 11.

The season of *Madam Butterfly* will begin at the Garden Theatre on Oct. 14.

K. M. Lacey sold his sketch, *The Black Mammy*, advertised in *THE MIRROR* two weeks ago, to Lillian Dix, character woman with May Irwin last season. Miss Dix and her company started rehearsing immediately.

The reopening of the Circle Theatre with a revised version of *From Across the Pond* has been postponed until Oct. 5.

Jennie Weathersby wishes to deny that she is with the company playing *Fifty Miles from Boston*.

Ida Burt Laurence will open her season in *Posey* from Poseyville at Asbury Park on Oct. 8, under the direction of Edward R. Salter. The company includes Robert Evans, Jack Waters, Charles George, John O'Toole, Frank Young, Mary MacDonald, Joseph Wright, Joseph Tighe, Mario Daire, Joseph Russel, Henry Webster, and Ida Burt Laurence.

J. Heron Miller, son of Henry Miller, has denied the current report of his marriage to Estelle Christie, a member of *The Gay White Way* company. Miss Christie has added her denials to his.

Edgar Forrest, manager for James O'Neill, announced last week that Mr. O'Neill would appear in a new modern play before the end of this season. The play is being written, but no title has been chosen and its nature has not been divulged.

Rapley Holmes has succeeded Ralph Delmore as Horrigan, and Pearla Landers has replaced Louise Rutter as Cynthia, in *The Man of the Hour*, at the Savoy Theatre.

When Marion Stanley, of *The Rogers Brothers in Panama*, was taken ill last week, her place was taken by Marion Mosby, her understudy, who took up the part at a moment's notice, without having had the chance of a rehearsal.

Edith Wright, a Montreal girl who has appeared in several road productions, is making her New York debut this week, in *A Parisian Romance*, at the Harlem Opera House.

ACTORS CHURCH AT ANCE NEWS.

Local and National Headquarters, 44 West Forty-fourth Street, New York City.

The regular monthly meeting of the National Council will be held at headquarters this Friday at 3 p.m. Chapters are especially requested to send in their monthly reports to this meeting, as the Council hopes to hear from those Chapters who have not reported during the summer.

Under the auspices of the Chicago Chapter an interesting series of lectures is in contemplation, to be given at the Chicago Music Hall or one of the large theatres this coming season on dramatic art. Members of the Chapter are working diligently to make the course in every way a very successful one, several speakers of ability, scholarship and acknowledged distinction in the profession being already on the list. Among these Ellen Sanders, the secretary of the Chapter, announces the names of Robert Mantell and Donald Robertson.

The Boston Chapter opened its Anne Gilbert Chambers, at the Franklin Square House, last Thursday with a very successful tea, which was attended by a large number of the profession. The tea table was presided over by Ethel Grey Terry, Mary Young, and Diamond Donna. It is the intention of the Chapter to have a similar tea every two weeks at the Chambers, which have been very tastefully and beautifully arranged by the members of the Chapter. Any of the profession staying in Boston are cordially invited to visit the rooms at any time, and especially at the tea.

Lily Lorrell was hostess at the tea served at the New York Chapter rooms last Thursday afternoon, when the guests were entertained by Lucia Nola and Nedra Perry in songs. Miss Nola sang "Because I Love You," and Miss Perry the Slave Song by Del Rio. Among those present were Mrs. George C. Staley, Percy Plunkett, Mrs. L. V. Manger, Mrs. M. McElroy, Maude R. Sinclair, Mrs. A. L. Place, Charles T. Cattin, Granville F. Sturges, Mrs. Hudson Linton, Mrs. Adelina Cherie Greenfield, Mrs. A. E. Murray, Mrs. Foster, Lucia Nola, Nedra Perry, Rev. F. J. Clay Moran, Edith M. Speare, Annie M. Speare, Mrs. William Rose, Miss H. R. Norville, and Mrs. P. Pratt. Mrs. Adelina Cherie Greenfield and Mrs. Ann E. Murray will be hostesses this Thursday. Members and their friends are cordially invited.

A NEW STAR.



A new star is to be launched early in October, Ida Burt Laurence, who, it is claimed, is the youngest, or rather will be the youngest, star on the American stage. The vehicle to introduce Miss Laurence to stellar honors will be Edward R. Salter's idyllic story of Indians home folks, entitled *Posey* from Poseyville, which is described as the Old Homestead of the Middle West. Mr. Salter does not state whether or not George Ade, Booth Tarkington, Vice-President Fairbanks and other notable Indians will be caricatured in the play.

DELIGHTED WITH LEAH KLESCHNA.

The Hudson, N. Y., Republicans of Sept. 25 says of Leah Kleschna, as represented by Harrison Grey Fiske's special company in that city:

The best balanced company that ever appeared in this city produced Leah Kleschna at the Hudson Theatre last evening to a most enthusiastic audience. In fact, while there certain calls for ovations, spontaneously and genuinely. There have been great actors in Hudson, greater actresses than those on the stage last evening, but they have been few and far between and their support has never approached the standard set by the Leah Kleschna company under the management of Harrison Grey Fiske.

The "Republican's" advance notices underestimated the production. It was quite complete. The characters supported each other perfectly. There was an evenness of ability which was astounding, surprising in general strength very many New York productions.

The play itself is too well known to need description. Strong, virile, intense, it holds the interest to the end. The scenic effects were excellent and a surprise to Hudson playgoers, who are not used to a production here of a New York success.

Belle Bohn as Leah Kleschna was natural and attractive; a difficult part she played with a simple directness that captivated her hearers. C. Norman Hammond as Kleschna was perhaps the strong point of the play, and how well he did his work! Robert B. Keeler as Raoul Bereton had an equally unbroken part, easy to overdo and difficult to do well, but he was more up to the exacting work. Charles Balmer as Paul Salvado showed that before long he will be starring himself; a fine stage presence and a voice that rival's Hackett's. His work was one of the features of the evening. And Schram, loyal Schram, must not be forgotten. His heart, too, was in the right place, the part being admirably done by Bernard Cavanaugh. The others in the cast were equally good, one great lack of the performance being the entire lack of "stage business."

As to the audience, it astonished itself by the hearty and oft-repeated applause. This is a novelty for Hudson audiences, which are noted for their coldness, and was a tribute to the cast which they may not have appreciated. It is safe to say that the next time Harrison Grey Fiske sends a company to this city there will be a packed house to greet the production. That should always be the reward of the man who makes good.

MUSICIAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Carl Stix, musician and composer, and author of the once popular song "She May Have Seen Better Days," attempted suicide by shooting last Saturday. He suffered from paralysis of the fingers and feared that he would lose the use of his hands. He was taken to Lebanon Hospital and is not expected to live.

NO MORE OPERA AT WEST END.

This is the last week of grand opera at popular prices at the West End Theatre. Jos Van Den Berg announced last week that the patronage has not equalled the expenses. The theatre will be booked hereafter as a combination house.

PROMINENT REPertoire MANAGERS



JOHN A. HIMMELMANN.

John A. Himmelman, of the firm of Burgess and Himmelman, which has nine repertoire companies on the road this season, is one of the few theatrical managers of the country who has never experienced a losing season. With one exception, he has never owned or been interested in a losing theatrical venture. The one exception was a few years ago, when he produced a new play, *The King of the Desert*, by the late Dave Woods. The production, a very elaborate one, was out for ten weeks in one night-stands and was withdrawn because the expense of the attraction was greater than possible earnings in the cities and towns in which it was booked. But even with this handicap, Mr. Himmelman ended the season with a profit, owing to the continued success of his repertoire companies.

Mr. Himmelman's first experience in theatrical business was in repertoire as advance agent for Howard Wall's Model Comedy company in 1889, in which he later bought an interest, being associated with Wall until 1895, during which time they conducted the Carrie Lewis company, the Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne company and Wall's Ideas. In 1895 Mr. Himmelman bought out Mr. Wall's interest in the business and renamed the company Himmelman's Ideas. In 1896 he started a second repertoire company, Himmelman's Imperial Stock company, and these two organizations, the Ideas and the Imperial, have ever since been established repertoire attractions, always sure of the best possible business. Last Spring he entered into the partnership with Earl Burgess, which has been previously referred to. Through his success in his theatrical business and wise investments of his profits, Mr. Himmelman has become probably the wealthiest repertoire manager in the country. He owns the Sandusky, O., Grand Opera House, formerly the Nielsen, which he bought in 1904. He is a large stockholder and director in the Commercial National Bank of Sandusky, and is largely interested in the Sweet Valley Wine Company of the same city. He owns a hotel on Kelly's Island in Lake Erie, a few miles north of Sandusky, and also extensive grape vineyards. On the same beautiful island he has his summer home, Cricket Lodge, and here with his motor yacht to insure rapid communication with the mainland at Sandusky, he passes his summer vacations. Mr. Himmelman was married in 1894 to Beatrice Earle, who was then being starred with the Ideas, and she has remained at the head of this company ever since, her popularity being second to that of none in the field of repertoire stars.

ERNEST SHIPMAN'S PLANS.

Ernest Shipman is recovering from his recent illness and is able to spend a few hours each day at his office in the Knickerbocker Building. He says that his season opened remarkably well for all his attractions. It is his intention to remain in the city until the opening of the Mary Shaw company, after which he will leave for the Berkshires, to be gone for the greater part of the winter. Mr. Shipman is pleased with the success of Anna Day, who is starring in *When Knighthood Was in Flower*. The attraction recently played at the Alvin Theatre, Pittsburgh, Pa., to a gross business of over \$8,000. Miss Day will continue under Mr. Shipman's management for five years. The Kelcey-Shannon company is rehearsing their new play in the city under the direction of Ferdinand Gottschalk. The route of this company includes all the principal cities and the opening date is Oct. 14. Mary Shaw, who spent the summer at her farm in New Hampshire, returned last week and is in daily consultation with Mr. Shipman regarding her forthcoming tour. Miss Shaw has three plays which she thinks well of, and final arrangements for the opening date and tour will be reached this week.

MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS III.

Mrs. Barney Williams, whose acting delighted playgoers thirty years ago, suffered an attack of paralysis a few days ago while staying at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. B. Mitchell, at Garden City, L. I. Mrs. Williams is nearly eighty-three years old, and enjoyed excellent health until Sept. 24, when she came to New York on business, and the journey proved too much for her. Dr. Bartlett, her physician, says that she is slowly recovering. Her house in West Seventy-second Street has been put in order, and she will be removed there if her condition gets worse. Mrs. Williams retired from the stage in 1878 after the death of her husband, a well-known actor of Irish roles, and has never appeared since except at an occasional benefit.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

CHICAGO

Sothern as Rodion the Student—The Girl Rangers—Productions at Stock Houses.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—Laurence Irving's new play, "The Fool Hath Said in His Heart," founded on the Dostoevsky's story, "Crime and Punishment," was produced by Lee Shubert at the Garrick last week with E. H. Sothern in the star role of Rodion Raskolnikoff, student of the University of St. Petersburg. The play proved to be strong but rather monotonous. The part of Rodion was immediately seen to be one of the best Mr. Sothern has created; nicely suited to his stage personality and well within his grasp. In several reviews the play was called great, but the deep impression on the audience seemed due to the good acting rather than to any greatness of the drama. In the first act Rodion, seen in his poorly furnished room, convinces himself that it is his duty as a self-appointed upholder of the race to murder his rich, brutal, benevolent landlord, who lives upstairs in the same building. This man has taken a fancy to the daughter of a widower tenant and indirectly caused his death, leaving the girl and her young sisters penniless orphans and at his mercy. Just before eviction the girl, Sonia, faithful, devout, frail and very humble, appeals to Rodion. It is her story that reveals to the dreamer his opportunity to destroy a monster. After Sonia leaves he seizes an ax which a servant has left in his room, conceals it under his long coat, awaits a favorable moment for mounting the stairs, goes up, and, getting into the landlord's rooms on pretense of coming to pay his rent, kills him. The other four acts are devoted chiefly to fastening the crime on Rodion. An examining magistrate who has read an impassioned article by Rodion justifying murder under certain conditions, is convinced immediately after the murder that the student is the assassin. By Sherlock Holmes methods and other means the magistrate gradually forces Rodion toward confession, and during one long, rather tiresome act, uses a police "sweating" process in the room of the crime. While Rodion is being entangled by the law he sneered at and ignored. Sonia remains a faithful friend, though he confesses to her he murdered the landlord who made a drunkard of her father and sought her ruin. Rodion offers her a large sum of money he stole from his victim after the murder, telling Sonia it was only a small part of the money the man had robbed her of through causing her father's disgrace and death. Sonia refuses this money, preferring to starve, even to let her young sisters starve. Yet Sonia, before the magistrate, lies on the Bible to save Rodion. Just as Rodion is about to confess, in the fourth act, after the torturing final examination, one of two workmen arrested immediately after the crime as suspects, confesses and fastidiously confesses to save his fellow, who is married and has a family, while he himself is single. In the last act Rodion is about to leave the country, but Sonia refuses to go and leave an innocent man to suffer for Rodion's crime. Her deep religious character is impressively shown. Her younger sister offers to go away with Rodion, and Sonia sinks on her knees. She repeats the Lord's Prayer with such deep emotion that Rodion stops his flight, forces the young sister to her knees, and a moment later ends his course of blasphemy, lasting through all the acts, with crossing himself before Sonia as the living embodiment of absolute faith. He has refused to recognize the images on the wall. Police arrive and the play closes as Rodion starts for Siberia.

The first two acts suggest a great play, but presently the lack of diversified interest and the continual concentration of attention on the murderer and the unraveling of the secret make the play monotonous. During the long final examination the audience became noticeably restless, though Adolph Lestina, who played the magistrate with marked ability, carried this scene masterfully. However, the chief interest in the production was to see Mr. Sothern in a new role. His success was complete and the audience showed great enthusiasm in numerous curtain calls after each act. The pale, abstracted, overwrought student who thought he was a "world man" above all law in the unflattering of mankind, was most skillfully and completely impersonated. Virginia Hammond's Sonia was a great emotional achievement, an extremely hard part acted so finely, deeply and truly as to arouse the most genuine admiration. Possibly her breathing at times was a bit too demonstrative, but it was immediately forgotten in observing her skill and sincerity. Rowland Buckstone did the big-hearted, normal Kashtkin well, and the hits of the maid servant and landlord were well done by Katherine Wilson and John Taylor. Andrew Mather did the young doctor cleverly, and Frank Bricker was good as Kellner, the subprocureur. Gladys Hanson and Mrs. M. Holcomb did the mother and sister of Rodion well enough, and Zyllah Shannon showed talent and careful training as the young sister of Sonia. The two workmen were rationally and strongly played by Albert B. Howson and Malcolm Bradley. All the scenes are plain interiors but one, of the third act, which is on an island near St. Petersburg with a view of the city in the distance. There was a fashionable audience the evening of the opening and all seats were taken. The attendance continued good during the week. Mr. Sothern will close his engagement this week with a revival of "If I Were King."

Will J. Davis, of the Illinois, was given a complimentary dinner by the Friars last week. The speakers were George Bowles, of the Red Mill; A. Tozer Worm, Father Dorsey, George J. Charlton, general passenger agent of the Atton and Levy Mayer, who is supposed to have laid the bed-rock foundation for the world-climbing theatre trust. Van Rensselaer Wheeler sang the Friars' song. The committee in charge of the dinner was composed of Manager Fred Eberle of the Great Northern; Treasurer Thomas Nonnen, of the Illinois, and George Lederer, of the Colonial.

Donald Robertson and his players produced "Browning's The Blot on the 'Antechinus' last week. Mr. Robertson appeared as Thordor, James Nonnen as Gerard, and Florence Bradley as Mildred. Mr. Robertson's engagement at the Garrick will begin on Oct. 7. Manager Duce, of the theatre, will provide a string orchestra which will play in the gallery. The Miner and the Triumph of Youth will be played the opening week.

An excellent production of "The Middleman" attracted unusual audiences at the Peacock last week. Walter Jones played Blenkarn with exceptional skill, strength and comeliness. Marie Nelson did Mary with especial sincerity and sympathy and sufficient strength. Jay Quigley's Joseph Chandler had good substance and plenty of dignity. The well-known settings of the work room and kiln were faithfully reproduced by Manager Frank Beals in his capacity of stage director, and the whole production had unusual completeness for stock.

Rose Melville in "Mrs. Hopkins" seems as strong a magnet as ever at the Great Northern. The engagement last week opened to capacity and the attendance was big all week.

Jones and John Russell filled the Columbus all last week and kept the big audiences in a state of mirthful upheaval most of the time. The popularity of the Russell brothers here seems to be persistently gaining.

Will Kilroy's "The Cowboy Girl" has won a permanent place as a popular musical melodrama. It was played to four-fifths of the biggest houses of the season at the Alhambra last week and "went big" with all the crowds.

Frances Schaff began her third engagement in "Mile, Milestone" in Chicago at the Illinois Theatre last night.

The bills this week: Grand Opera House, The Red Mill; Illinois, Fritz Schaff; Colonial, The Talk of New York; Auditorium, The Grand Mogul; Studebaker, The Man from Home; Bowes, The Honeymoon; Garrick, If I Were King; McVicker's, Low Duckett; Whitney, A Knight for a Day; La Salle, The Girl Question; Great

Northern, Ernest Hogan; Bush Temple, Because She Loved Him So; College, New Dominion; Hippo, Old Joe Prouty; Columbia, Panhandle Pete; Academy, Four Corners of the Earth; Bijou, The Cowboy Girl; Criterion, Bedford's Hope; Pakin, The Isle of Pines.

OTIS COLSTON.

BOSTON

Divorces at the Hollis—The Grand Duchess Revived—Grandstark.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BOSTON, Sept. 30.—There are plenty of changes in town to-night. Indeed, every house in the city but two gives a new bill. The result last week was good business all around town.

Grace George in "Divorces" opened at the Hollis and attracted one of the largest audiences she has had here. Many famous actresses have been seen here in this play, but Miss George's version was a new one, and people were interested in her interpretation of the chief character. She was well received, as were the leading members of her company, headed by Frank Worthing.

The Colonial made a jump from the somber atmosphere of "The Quicksands," so artistically played by Wright Lorimer, to "The Follies of 1907." In this piece are many people who have been popular hereabouts from vaudeville engagements, and they again scored, especially Miss Dazle.

A welcome revival was made at the Castle Square to-night when the comic opera company gave "The Grand Duchess." The scheme of alternating principals will give both Clara Lane and Blanche Edwards each a chance to play the principal role. Most of the others in the cast continue without change. Louise Le Baron, who has been taking a well earned vacation, is now back again in the cast as Prince Paul, and in George Shields there is a strenuous Gen Bonn. A change of programme has been made, and "The Beggar Student" will come next week, a trifles earlier than had been originally intended.

Blanche Bates and "The Girl of the Golden West" still continues at the Majestic to splendid business, but the stay here will be only one week after this.

William Collier entered into his last week at the Park to-night with "Caught in the Rain."

Lindsay Morrison's stock company gives its first genuine novelty of the present season at the Boston this week, and makes the first local presentation of the dramatization of "Grandstark."

Heretofore all of Mr. Morrison's productions—and they have been good ones—have been pieces acted here before, but now he appeals to the novelty seeker as well. The piece is a romantic drama on the order of "The Prisoner of Zenda," and it was well suited to the efforts of the company. Wilson Melrose and Eleanor Gordon well cared for the honors of the cast, and they had good support throughout. The production was one of the most elaborate that the new stock has yet had here this season.

James J. Corbett is in the star of the week at the Grand Opera House in "The Ruler" and the "Lady," and it is very evident that the hero worshippers of the Boston athletic world have not forgotten him.

Bill B. Van seems to find no limit to the possibility of "Pat" in "Follies" at the Globe.

A Man's Broken Promise is playing at the Beacon Square.

A number of Boston dramatic editors were taken to Providence last week to see David Warfield in his new play, "A Grand Army Man." Special autos were provided for the party. They all came back enthusiastic over Mr. Warfield's new character and the new play, which in the natural course of events will not have a chance to reach Boston for a number of months to come.

Thomas W. Namack is here in town in advance of "Marie Corelli," but it is only a short stay, as he is to be transferred to William H. Crane when Crane starts on his tour.

Nat M. Wills is at the Globe. JAY BENTON.

WASHINGTON

A Fool and a Girl, and The Lancers—The Silver Girl—Melodrama.

(Special to The Mirror.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—"A Fool and a Girl" is the title of a new four-act play which had its first presentation on any stage this evening at the Columbia Theatre before a large opening audience. It is the work of David Wark Griffith, and signifies his initial attempt at playwriting. He has been known only as a contributor to current periodicals. The play is produced under the personal direction and management of James K. Backett, who has provided an attractive mounting and an acting company of exceptional merit. The cast is as follows:

Albert Holly J. W. Dean
Ella Tucker Fannie Ward
Evangeline Tucker Alison Skipworth
Mike Dehota Frank Wondrich
J. Louis Martinique Helen Mar
J. W. Dean J. C. Mathews
R. Miller Dennis J. Wood
A. Lady Harry S. Hartfield
The Lady's Husband Mark Glancy
Duchy Wyatt Barnes
Williams John Lessing
De Celia Henry Ware
Mr. Neffier William Russell
Mr. Graham Helen Green
Mr. Kelly Mrs. Strode
Mrs. Milk Pauline Holton
Ruddy Violette Hart
Scruffy Clara Cawell
Scruffy Mattress Lillian Simonds

The scene of the play is laid in California, and the story deals with a young man who falls in love with a girl who, having been the acquaintance in a spirit of flirtation, falls in love with another.

John W. Dean and Fannie Ward in the leading roles scored a success. Next week, Dustin Farnum in "The Ranger."

Carroll Loftus and Lawrence D'Orsay, under the direction of Henry Miller, opened to a crowded house at the Belmont Theatre to-night in "The Lancers." J. Hartley Manners' three-act military comedy. The cast was:

Sonia Ivanoff Cecilia Loftus
Mrs. D'Estere Ida Darling
Mrs. March Phoebe Coney
Miss McIlwane Lillian Austin
Miss Woodgate Lotta Robertson
Cook Sam Berthold
Maid Fred T. Moore
Mr. D'Estere Fred T. Moore
Mr. March Arthur B. Lawrence
Dr. Chrystal Tom Field
Plique Fred T. Moore
Captain Dural Albert J. Leonetti
Colonel Treveson Wilfred North
Miss Spring Hubert Herkis
Lieutenant Gandy A. H. Van Buren
Lieutenant Anderson Bertram Harrison
Lieutenant Burroughs Fred Russell
Captain Cecil Fitzherbert Lawrence D'Orsay

The play is jaunty, witty and martial—the various scenes, an ever pleasing panorama of gorgeous uniforms and beautiful gowns. The role of Captain Cecil Fitzherbert, a drawing and proper yet sentimental English officer who is as gallant in the ballroom as upon dress parade, and Sonia Ivanoff, a brilliantly beautiful and impudent young Russian girl, volatile, passionate and witty, ever ready for love or war, giving Miss Loftus a good opportunity. She sings two songs—"Come Out in the Moonlight," her own composition, words and music, and "If Love Cometh Not," her own arrangement with words by Reg Storck—but gives no impersonations, and Mr. D'Orsay is extremely funny in his amusing English rendering of the corps song, "The Vando Man." Next week, Cecilia Loftus in "The Three of Us."

Edward Peplé's successful new Western play, "The Silver Girl," is at the New Martin. Eddie Bailey, Lillian Albertson, George Cook, Edward X. Sander, Harry Lillard, Charles Wren, Norman Thorne, and Jane Dakin are in the cast. Next week, Charlotte Haze will appear in "The Step-Sister," another new production.

At the Academy of Music, Charles E. Shain's melodramatic thriller, "From Sing Sing to Liberty,"

with "Cunning," the jail breaker, gathers a big audience. Next week, "A Terrible Secret."

Sophie is this week's offering at the Majestic Theatre. Kathryn Purcell scored a success in the main part. Next week, Hazel Kirke.

JOHN T. WALTER.

PHILADELPHIA

The New Adelphi Opened by Joe Weber—Orchestra Troubles—Other Plays.

(Special to The Mirror.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 30.—The New Adelphi Theatre, adjoining the new Lyric Theatre, at Broad and Cherry Streets, was inaugurated this evening with Joe Weber and his company in the new musical comedy, "Hip, Hip, Hoorah!" The exterior of the house is the same as the Lyric Theatre, and presents a very elaborate and handsome front, while the interior is on a similar plan, in fact, twin houses, only the New Adelphi is limited in its seating capacity to 1,234, exclusive of the six overhanging private boxes. The stage is a model of completeness, is 31 feet deep, with a proscenium opening of 28 x 32 feet. It is the intention of the Shuberts to reserve this house for first-class legitimate drama. "The Road to Yesterday," with Minnie Dupree, follows on Oct. 7 for two weeks.

The Gay White Way, with Jefferson De Angelis, Blanche Ring, Alexander Carr and a big company of popular entertainers, are in their second and final week at the new Lyric Theatre. The Lancers, with Cecilia Loftus and Laurence D'Orsay, follow on Oct. 7.

At the Garrick Theatre The Lion and the Mouse, with Gertrude Coghlan and Edmund Breese, opened a two weeks' engagement. Geo. M. Cohan and Edna Wallace Hopper in "Fifty Miles from Boston," follow on Oct. 7.

Public Opinion, with Dallas Welford, at the Broad Street Theatre, in its second and final week, playing to empty benches. It was a flat failure.

The discharge of a member of the orchestra last week caused a strike, and a New York non-union orchestra is playing at the house. It is hoped that everything will be adjusted in time for Henrietta Crosman's first production on any stage of "The Christian Pilgrim" on Oct. 7.

The Belle of Mayfair is in its second and last week at the Chestnut Street Opera House. It does not improve on acquaintance, being too thoroughly English to please American audiences. The Merry Widow, with Ethel Jackson, comes on Oct. 7 for two weeks.

The Orpheum Dramatic Stock company, with two performances daily, is attracting large audiences at the Chestnut Street Theatre. When We Were Twenty-one is the attraction this week. Glittering Gloria will be presented for the first time in the Quaker City during the week of Oct. 7.

The Virginian, with the Kirk La Shelle company headed by W. S. Hart, continues at the Walnut Street Theatre, this being the second and final week. Lederer's musical novelty, "The Girl Rangers," will arrive here on Oct. 7 for a two weeks' engagement.

Little Dolly Dimples, with Grace Cameron, Al. Lawrence, Florence Langdon Tempst, Lorenz Rivers, Daisy King, Irving Newhoff, Phoebe Cardinale, Criterion Musical Four, Elm City Quartette, is at the Grand Opera House this week. He, Him and I, a big hit here last season, returns for a week on Oct. 7. Daisy Bell in "Shore Acres" comes on Oct. 14. Nat M. Wills' "A Lucky Dog" is booked for Oct. 21.

The Spillers holds the week at the Park Theatre. Paul Gilmore's athletic play, "At Yale," comes on Oct. 14.

A Midnight Escape is the programme this week at the National Theatre. The first local presentation of "Jesus Left the Village" occurs Oct. 7.

Around the Clock, by the Ritchie London Comedy company is the feature for the week at the Girard Avenue Theatre. Lew Welch in "The Shoemaker" follows on Oct. 7.

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Little Wills in "Josie," the Little Madam, is playing her second engagement this season in Philadelphia at Blaney's Arch Street Theatre. The Cowherd and the Sonora follows on Oct. 7. Fighting Bill comes on Oct. 14.

At Hart's Kensington Theatre, An Actor's Romance, with J. Harvey Cook and Lottie Church in the leading roles, is the programme. Everybody Works but Father is billed for Oct. 7.

Middleton and Barbier's Stock at Forough's Theatre appear this week in the sensational melodrama, "At the Risk of His Life." Tableau is in rehearsal for the week of Oct. 7.

Darby and Speck's Stock company at the Standard Theatre is giving a faithful representation of "How Hearts Are Broken" with Muriel Chadoe and Ed J. Le Saint in the leading roles. Secrets of the Police will be offered on Oct. 7.

Burnett's Minstrels, at the Eleventh Street Opera House, retain their programme of last week. The association introduce Hueyie Dugger, Little Toadies, and Ben Franklin, McCool, Goldrick and Lorne.

Clayton Fetterall McMichael, founder and only president of the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania, died after an operation for appendicitis at the German Hospital on Sept. 28, aged thirty-eight years.

The hills at the German Theatre, under the management of Hanisch and Addicks, include in the Reserve Room, "Strategic of Love," and "The Giver Room."

The Treasurers' Club, which includes the treasurer and assistant treasurer of every place of amusement in the Quaker City, has just organized club No. 2, and will be established in pleasant quarters at 1207 Walnut Street, where it will give monthly entertainments. All visiting managers and treasurers will be made welcome at the club rooms.

CINCINNATI

Mayor to Be Play Caesar—Three Fitch Dramas at Once.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CINCINNATI, Sept. 30.—For the first time in many years we have to-night a genuine first night, the occasion being the premiere presentation of Lillian Russell's new racing comedy, "Wildfire," by George V. Hobart and George Broadhurst. It is the star's first appearance here in a play without music. Boyd Pulin is the leading man, and a number of out-of-town managers are present to witness the performance, a fuller account of which will be given later.

Eddie Foy, assisted by Cincinnati's own comedienne, Trizie Frazee, is entertaining large audiences at the Lyric this week in "The Orchid." The numerous songs were repeatedly encored last night, and Foy's eccentric comedy was greatly enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

A curious coincidence in booking will bring three of Clyde Fitch's later plays to the local boards next week. Clara Bloodgood will be at the Lyric in "Truth," the Grand will have Blanche Walsh in "The Straight Grand," and to make it unalarming, Fitch's "Fitch" has announced "The Woman in the Case" for the Olympic.

Manager Haskins has announced that he will open Robinson's next week with an indefinite engagement of the John C

SPUR, THE, Oct. 1: Boston 2; Galveston 2; Port Huron 1; Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1; Louisville 2; Albany, N. Y.; Glens Falls 4; Burlington, Vt., 2; Rochester, N. Y. 7-12.

WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER (Forest Sholes, mgr.): New Haven, Conn., Sept. 20-Oct. 2; Hartford 24.

WHITECAR, W. A. (Giles Marty, mgr.): Davao, Mich., Oct. 1; Benton Harbor 2; Michigan City, Ind., 2; So. Bend 2; Elkhart 3; Wabash 3; Anderson, Ind., 4; Toledo 5; Cleveland 5; Grand Rapids 5; Lansing 5; Detroit 5; Milwaukee 5; Milwaukee 7-12.

WHITE GIRLS LEAVE HOME (Western; E. J. Carpenter's): Harry E. Lowe, mgr.): Council Bluffs, Ia., Oct. 1; Central City, Colo., 2; Grand Island 2; Kearney 4; No. Platte 5; Denver, Colo., 7-12.

WILLIAMS, LOTTIE (Chez, E. Elizur, Amherst, Ga., mgr.): Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 2; Baltimore, Md., 7-12.

WILSON, AL, H. (Sidney R. Ellis, mgr.): Cumberland, Md., Oct. 1; Uniontown, Pa. 2; Fairmont, W. Va., 3; Charleston, W. Va., 4; Huntington 2; Weston, W. Va., 5; Princeton, N. J., 6-12.

THE COUNTRY BOY (L. L. Worthington, mgr.): Santa Ana, Cal., Oct. 1; L. L. Worthington, 2; THE COUNTRY BOY (L. L. Worthington, mgr.): Burlington, Ky., Oct. 1; Henderson 2; Belpreville 2; Glasgow 4; Shivelyville 5; West Baden, Ind., 6.

STOCK COMPANIES.

ALICE: Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 12-indefinite.

ALCAZAR (Balence and Meyer, mgr.): San Francisco, Cal.-indefinite.

AMERICAN: San Francisco, Cal.-indefinite.

AYLESWORTH (Arthur J. Aylesworth, mgr.): Goldfield, Nev., April 1-indefinite.

BAKER: Rochester, N. Y.-indefinite.

BALDWIN-MERVILLE (Walter B. Baldwin, mgr.): Dallas, Tex.-indefinite.

BARRY-BURKE STOCK (John W. Barry, mgr.): New Orleans, La., Aug. 25-indefinite.

BELASCO (Balence and Meyer, mgr.): Los Angeles, Cal.-indefinite.

BISHOP'S PLAYERS (H. W. Bishop, mgr.): Oak Park, Ill.-indefinite.

BOSTON STOCK: Boston, Mass., Sept. 2-indefinite.

BOWDIN SQUARE THEATRE: Boston, Mass.-indefinite.

BUNNAM: Los Angeles, Cal.-indefinite.

BURKE, EARL (Fred Gillen, mgr.): Seattle, Wash.-indefinite.

CARLISLE SQUARE (Boston Stage Society, mgr.): Boston, Mass.-indefinite.

CENTRAL STOCK: San Francisco, Cal.-indefinite.

CLEVELAND, HARRY B.: North Yakima, Wash., June 24-indefinite.

COLUMBIA STOCK: Spokane, Wash., Aug. 27-indefinite.

CUTTER (Ira Swisher, mgr.): Richmond, Ind., July 1-indefinite.

FAMILY: East St. Louis, Ill.-indefinite.

FAWELL, GEORGE: Baltimore, Md.-indefinite.

FERNS: Minneapolis, Minn., May 28-indefinite.

FITZGERALD'S, W. D. STOCK (W. D. Fitzgerald, mgr.): Washington, D. C., Aug. 12-indefinite.

FOKEPAUGH: Philadelphia, Pa.-indefinite.

FRAWLEY: San Francisco, Cal., June 2-indefinite.

HAMILTON, FLORENCE (Barry and Burke, mgr.): Fall River, Mass.-indefinite.

HOMMER, MAY: Chicago, Ill.-indefinite.

HORNBY, ERNEST: San Francisco, Cal., May 13-indefinite.

LAWRENCE, DELL S.: Sacramento, Cal.-indefinite.

LIVINGSTON: Cleveland, O., June 24-indefinite.

MIDDLETON AND BARNIER: Boston, Mass.-indefinite.

MOROCO STOCK: Los Angeles, Cal.-indefinite.

NEILSEN, MARIE: Fresno, Cal.-indefinite.

NEW STAR STOCK (James H. Erickson, mgr.): Portland, Me., Sept. 1-indefinite.

OPHEUM STOCK: Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18-indefinite.

PALMER, BROS. STOCK: San Diego, Cal.-indefinite.

PATRONS: Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25-indefinite.

PATRICK'S LIFE AVENUE (George Payton, mgr.): Brooklyn, N. Y., June 27-indefinite.

PICKWICK: San Diego, Cal.-indefinite.

PROCTOR'S HARLEM: New York city-indefinite.

PURNEL: Washington, D. C., Aug. 24-indefinite.

SANFORD'S, WALTER, PLAYERS, No. 2: San Francisco, Cal.-indefinite.

SANFORD, WALTER: Oakland, Cal.-indefinite.

SHIMLEY, JESSIE: Spokane, Wash.-indefinite.

SIMONE STOCK (Van Zant and Thorpe, mgr.): Omaha, Cal.-indefinite.

SPENCER, GEORGE: Memphis, Tenn., May 5-indefinite.

SPOONER (Mrs. B. S. Sporer, mgr.): New York city May 12-indefinite.

SUTTON (Dick P. Sutton, mgr.): Butte, Mont.-indefinite.

TAYLOR, CHARLES A.: Seattle, Wash.-indefinite.

TEXAS GRAND: El Paso, Tex.-indefinite.

ULICH STOCK: Los Angeles, Cal.-indefinite.

WINNIPEG CO. (W. B. Lawrence, mgr.): Winnipeg, Manitoba.

WOLFE STOCK (G. H. Wolfe, mgr.): Wichita, Kan., Sept. 15-indefinite.

REPERTOIRE COMPANIES.

AMERICAN STOCK (Arthur E. Herbst, mgr.): Kalmar, Mich., Sept. 30-Oct. 5; Battle Creek 6-12.

ANGELUS COMEDIANS (Jack Emerson, mgr.): Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 1-Oct. 5.

ANGELUS' COMEDIANS (Ed C. Mutt, mgr.): Guthrie Center, Ia., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Stuart 7-12.

AUBREY STOCK (Western; D. Otto Hitzler, mgr.): Ashtabula, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Sandusky 7-12.

AUBREY STOCK (G. A. Sullivan, mgr.): Dover, N. J., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Paterson 7-12.

BARRIE, EDWIN, STOCK (Barrie and Graham, mgr.): Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Elk City 7-12.

BENNETT-MOULTON (W. A. Partello, mgr.): Naugatuck, Conn., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Bristol 7-12.

BERNARD'S CHICAGO (H. R. Bernard, mgr.): Louisville, Ky., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Washington 8-12.

BLACK PATTI TROUADOURS (Vocelkel and Nolan, mgr.): Macon, Ga., Oct. 1; Atlanta 2, 3; Athens 4; Anderson, S. C., 5; Greenville 7; Spartanburg 8; Asheville, N. C., 9; Johnson City, Tenn., 10; Bristol 11; Roanoke, Va., 12.

BUSTER BROWN (Eastern): Paterson, N. J., Oct. 22; Middlebury, N. Y., 7; Walden 8; Poughkeepsie 9; Schenectady 10; Amsterdam 11; Utica 12.

BUSTER BROWN (Central): Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 14.

BUSTER BROWN (Western): Detroit, Mich., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Grand Rapids 6-12.

CALIFORNIANS: Portland, Ore., Sept. 2-Oct. 26.

CAMERON, GRACE, OPERA: Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Atlantic City, N. J., 7; Wilmington, Del., 8; Norristown, Pa., 10; Perth Amboy, N. J., 11; Plainfield 12.

CANTLE SQUAD STOCK: Boston, Mass.-indefinite.

COMING THRU THE RYE (B. J. Bell): Acting (mgr.): Lynn, Mass., Oct. 1; Worcester 2; Fall River, Mass., 3; Brockton, Mass., 4; New Bedford 10; Woonsocket, R. I., 11; Taunton, Mass., 12.

DANIELS, FRANK: Paterson, N. J., Oct. 1; Orange 2, Paterson 2-5; Providence, R. I., 7-9.

DELMAR GARDEN: St. Louis, Mo.-indefinite.

ELDREDGE AND MEAKIN OPERA: Annapolis, Md., Oct. 1; Staunton, Va., 2; Charlottesville 3; Richmond 4; Newport News 5; Greensboro, N. C., 7; Winston-Salem 8; Durham 9; Raleigh 10; Goldsboro 11; Charlotte 12.

GRIFFITH'S MUSICAL COMEDY (Fred L. Griffiths, mgr.): Tompkins, N. Y.-indefinite.

HALL, GEORGE F. (Frank W. Mason, mgr.): Clayton, N. Y., Oct. 1; Canton 2; Malone 3; Saranac Lake 4; Massena 5; Cornwall, Ont., 7; Morristown, Del., 8; Norristown, Pa., 10; Perth Amboy, N. J., 11; Plainfield 12.

HAMILTON, FRED: New York, N. Y., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Newark 6-12.

HAROLD, ANNA (Florence Elegfeld, mgr.): New York city, Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

HOPPER, DE WOLF: Montreal, P. Q., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Ottawa, Ont., 7, 8; Ogdensburg, N. Y., 9; Watertown 10; Kingston 11; Albany 12.

BURGESS, EARL (A. H. Graybill, mgr.): Binghamton, Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

BURGESS, EARL (Geo. V. Halliday, mgr.): Pottsville, Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

BURGESS, EARL (G. G. Hilton, mgr.): Milton, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

BURGESS, EARL (R. B. Wilson, mgr.): Berwick, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

CHAPILLER-WINTERSHOFF (Harry Chappell, mgr.): Cartersville, Ga., Sept. 20-Oct. 2; Hot Springs, Ark., 7-12.

CHASE-LISTER (Glen F. Chase, mgr.): York, N. Y., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Grand Island 7-12.

CHAUNCEY-KEIFER (Frank Chauncey, mgr.): Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Pocatello 7-12.

CHICAGO STOCK (Western; Chas. H. Roskam, mgr.): Fremont, O., Oct. 1-7; Cooncannon 7-12.

CHICAGO STOCK (Western; Chas. H. Roskam, mgr.): E. F. Keeler, O., Oct. 1-7; Salem 7-12.

CONRAD STOCK (A. H. Block, mgr.): Dover, N. J., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

COOK, CARL W., STOCK (Carl W. Cook, mgr.): Delaware, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

COPELAND BROTHERS STOCK: Cheyenne, Kan., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Wichita 7-12.

CURTIS' COMEDY (James Walter, mgr.): Aberdeen, S. D., July 22-indefinite.

CUTTER (Wallace R. Cutler, mgr.): Hicksville, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Elizabethtown, O., 7-12.

DAVENPORT-EDDRT STOCK: Tippencanoe City, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

DOUGHERTY STOCK (Wm. Stamford, mgr.): Dover, N. J., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Plymouth 7-12; Waupaca 10-12.

DOUGHERTY STOCK (Wm. Stamford, mgr.): New Haven, Conn., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Weston 7-12.

DOUGHERTY STOCK (Wm. Stamford, mgr.): Winsted, Conn., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Westerly, R. I., 7-12.

GIRTON STOCK (Perry E. Girton, mgr.): Fresno, Calif.-indefinite.

GRAHAME, FERNAND: Butler, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Cleveland 7-12.

GRAYCE, HELEN (N. Appell, mgr.): Reading, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 7.

HALL, DON C.: Manitowoc, Wis., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Bay 7-12.

HANKINS-COVENTRY (W. W. Hankins, mgr.): Cairo, Ill., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

HARDIN-HALL (Eugene F. Hall, mgr.): Clarksville, W. Va., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Cumberland, Md., 7-12.

HARRIS-PARKINSON (Robt. H. Harris, mgr.): Ironton, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

HERALD SQUARE STOCK (Arthur L. Fanshaw, mgr.): Woburn, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Port Allegheny 7-12.

HILLMAN'S IDEAL STOCK (F. P. Hillman, mgr.): St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

HILLMAN, MAY (Frank Schubert, mgr.): Pittsburgh, N. Y., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Moon-shine, Vt., 7-12.

HIMMELIN'S IDEALS (Louis A. Harsle, mgr.): Akron, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

IMPERIAL STOCK (R. F. Himmelin, mgr.): Streator, Ill., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

KENNEDY'S PLAYERS (Ben Lewis, mgr.): Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; New Decatur 6-12.

KEystone DRAMATIC: Upper Sandusky, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Chillicothe 7-12.

KICKEROCKER STOCK (E. D. Fiske, mgr.): Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5.

LESLIE, BOOMER (Sam. Allen, mgr.): Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Weston 7-12.

MARKS', TOM STOCK: Collingwood, Ont., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Stratford 7-12.

MOREY STOCK (Le Conte and Fisher, mgr.): Atlantic, Kan., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Junction City 7-12.

SPUR, THE, Oct. 1: Boston 2; Galveston 2; Port Huron 1; Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1; Louisville 2; Cincinnati 2; Toledo 3; Cleveland 3; Columbus 3; Akron, O., Sept. 20-Oct. 5; Toledo 6; Indianapolis 7; Cincinnati 8; Cleveland 9; Columbus 10; Akron 11; Toledo 12.

WHITECAR, W. A. (Giles Marty, mgr.): Davao, Mich., Oct. 1; Benton Harbor 2; Michigan City, Ind., 2; So. Bend 2; Elkhart 3; Wabash 3; Anderson 3; Indianapolis 4; Columbus 5; Toledo 6; Cincinnati 7; Cleveland 8; Akron 9; Toledo 10; Indianapolis 11; Elkhart 12.

WHITEKNIGHT STOCK (W. H. Herk, mgr.): Saginaw, Mich., Oct. 1; Mt. Pleasant 2; Cadillac 3; Manistee 4; Big Rapids 5; Muskegon 6; Hammond 7; Munising 8; Elkhart 9; Elkhart 10; South Bend 11; South Bend 12.

WHITEKNIGHT STOCK (W. H. Herk, mgr

THE VAUDEVILLE STAGE

NEW VAUDEVILLE ACTS.

NOVELTIES ARE SCARCE THAN USUAL AT THE NEW YORK THEATRES.

Mille Lindon, Emmett De Vey and Company, the Elmore Sisters, Valadon, and Virginia Earl and Company Make Up the List of Those Whose Entertainments Have Not Been Seen Before.

The following new acts were presented in the local vaudeville theatres last week:

A Fantastic Sketch.

Emmett De Vey offered a new sketch at the Twenty-third Street Theatre, called in Dreamland. The scene is laid in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond in New York. Mr. Hammond is a believer in Spiritualism, and this annoys his wife very much. They have a quarrel and Mr. Hammond lies down on a lounge to take a nap. During his sleep he has a dream in which he is visited by a fairy who calls herself a daughter of Venus. She has a magic wand that spouts fire at the slightest provocation, and she uses it to protect herself against the advances of Hammond, at the same time giving him a lecture on faithfulness, etc. There is a great deal of amusing business and dialogue before the dreamer wakes up and finds that the whole thing, which had seemed so real, was only a brain-wave. In the reconciliation with his wife he is most effusive. In Dreamland is one of the best sketches of its kind ever seen on the local stage, and it is played with abundant spirit by Mr. De Vey and his associates. Hermine Shone as the fairy, Emay Alton as Mrs. Hammond, and William Foran as a tough bell-boy helped to keep things moving at a lively pace. The piece can very smoothly, and the electrical and mechanical effects were splendidly handled. Mr. De Vey has a real winner in his present vehicle.

A Dainty English Vocalist.

Mille Lindon, who is a great favorite in London, made her American debut at the Colonial. Mille Lindon will never set the East River on fire, but will please those who like dainty, refined work. She is pretty, has a good enunciation and knows how to make the people understand what she is singing about. She has little vivacity, uses few gestures and does not move about the stage. Her songs are of the mild, harmless type that one hears so frequently in English musical comedies. She opened with "Mary Kept a Dairy," and followed it with "The Angel of My Dreams," a ballad; "They Made One Umbrella Do," "The Simple Milliner," which is just a trifling naughtiness, and "The Weather Glass," which tells a story about a pair of lovers. Mille Lindon was so cordially received on Monday that Mr. Williams ordered her name up over the canopy in red electric lights on Tuesday, so that the patrons would know that something out of the ordinary had happened. This is the way in which attention was first called to Alice Lloyd, but Mille Lindon can scarcely hope to make a similar whirlwind success on this side, although she is sure to meet with her share of appreciation.

New Act by Old Favorites.

The Elmore Sisters were at the Union Square and offered a new talking and singing act in one, modeled after the skit they used last season. It is called The Actress and the Maid. May Elmore appeared as the actress and Kate, the irrepressible, was the maid. There is much good material in the act, and there is a great deal of dead wood that will have to be eliminated, and probably has been cut out by this time, as these performers are too shrewd to hold on to lines that do not bring laughs. Toward the finish they had everything their own way as usual, and were recalled several times. May was resplendent in a Parisian costume and diamonds, and made a stunning picture, while Kate wore one of her "creations" that is a big laugh all by itself.

An Amusing Sketch.

Virginia Earl and company in a sketch by Will M. Cressy, called A Midnight Mistake, made a good impression at the Alhambra. The plot involves a young married woman and her husband, and a man who gets into their home at midnight through the mistake of a coachman. They play at cross purposes in an amusing way, and the fun is well sustained from first to last. Miss Earl sang two songs neatly, and her work all through the act was pleasing. She was assisted by A. L. Pelletier, Charles E. Conway and Frank Garfield.

A Clever Magician.

Valadon, the magician, who toured the country with Kellar for several seasons, made his vaudeville debut at the Alhambra. The feature of his act is the illusion, "The Drum That Can't Be Beaten," and the audience stared in amazement as the performer extracted all sorts of things from a drum manufactured on the stage before their eyes. He also offers some good slight-of-hand tricks and some big, showy illusions that were well liked.

A MERRY PARTY.

The people comprising Miner's Bohemians had a very jolly time on Wednesday evening last in Baltimore, when they were the guests of Frank E. Edward F. and William F. Fink, Baltimore men, who are members of the Bohemians. The father of the Finks runs a place called Fink's Hall, and it was here that the festivities were held. The affair was a complete surprise to the members of the company, and when they sat down to a bountiful supper prepared by Fink, Senior, their joy knew no bounds. Colonel Samuel M. Dawson, manager of the Monumental Theatre, was toastmaster and those who responded were Fred W. Heller, Ross Packer, Barney Girard, manager of the company; Charles H. Mackie, and the three Finks. The entertainment that followed the supper lasted until sunrise, and the whole affair was voted a great success. Among those present were Billy Spencer, Charles H. Machin, Sam Barton, Dave Feyer, B. Gerard, George T. Davis, Joe Barton, Andy Gardner, Vic Bavarule, Joe Barrett, William Hoffman, Mahel Carew, Margaret Sheridan, Viola Allen, Etta Carter, Ida Nicolai, Louise Wallace, Beside Roy, Mona Dias, Marie Revere, Lizzie Poyer, Mamie Kent, Beside York, Etta Carter, Gertie Hayes, and Helen Lawton.

UNITED MANAGERS MEET.

There was a meeting on Wednesday afternoon last in this city of the managers whose houses are booked through the United Booking Offices. Those present included B. F. Keith, F. F. Proctor, Percy G. Williams, William Hammerstein, Max C. Anderson, Martin Beck, C. W. Bennett, John J. Murdoch, A. Paul Keith, S. Z. Poll, J. H. Moore, and Michael Shea. It was the first general meeting of the managers this season, and business of much importance was discussed. The meeting, of course, was private, and no details were given out for publication.

PLAY TO BE MADE FROM A SKETCH.

The example set by James Forbes when he elaborated The Chorus Lady from a one-act vaudeville sketch into a three-act comedy is to be followed by Cecil De Mille and Netta Bymer with the sketch Kit, which is now being played in vaudeville by Hilda Spong. Miss Spong will present the act in New York in the near future, and will be in the Metropolis for six weeks. George H. Brown is looking after Miss Spong's bookings.

THE KEITH AND PROCTOR THEATRES.

Valerie Berger, Fred Walton, Six English Rockers and Military Octette Head Bills.

Union Square.

Fred Walton, whose work is a delight, was the headliner and in Claude's Dream gave unalloyed pleasure to those who understand and appreciate pantomime in its best form. Kartell was a special feature, making his reappearance in his remarkable wire act. He uses a slack wire, and juggles, skates, cycles, goes through hoops, and does many other things while keeping a perfect balance. Clara Barrellini scored with some neat work on a small trap. Dixon, Anger and company showed an improved version of The Baron and His Friend Out West, and won a good many laughs. Lillian Doreen made her American re-appearance with a lot of English songs, including "Johanna's Stocking," "I'm Billy's Wife," and "Little Mary Wanted to Succeed." She sang the chorus of every song twice, which is a great mistake in this country, where people have no patience with such old-fashioned methods. Otherwise Miss Doreen's turn was quite entertaining. Paulton and Dooley did many funny stunts on bicycles and also showed skill. The Robinson-Parquette Trio of colored performers scored heavily, offering a good act. The minor turns were contributed by Lewis and Green, Sylvan and O'Neill, Berger Sisters, Mary Laurens, and Milton's dogs. The Elmore Sisters were prominent in a new act, a review of which will be found in another column.

Twenty-third Street.

Valerie Berger and company headed the list in Roy Fairchild's play, A Bowery Camilla, in which Miss Berger has a star part that gives her every chance to show her many talents to advantage. When she becomes excited she sometimes forgets her dialect, but this interferes but little with the strength of her acting. She held the attention and earned the applause of enthusiastic audiences. Herbert Warren replaced Edward Dano as the artist, and gave a good performance. Florence Coventry and Helen Vassar were also in the cast. The Majestic Musical Four entertained with some good numbers, their selections on the climes and xylophones being especially good. Their finish in one is very amusing, the comedian appearing in a travesty of the new style of Italian bandmasters. Friend and Downing, one of whom is a very natural Hebrew comedian, made a big hit with a lot of talk about cemetery lots. The comedian also had some very fair parodies, and had to sing at least half a dozen of them. Marcella and her trained birds caused the children to gurgle with delight. Stalling and Revelle, in their gymnastic act; Clifford and Burke, clever colored folk; Towell, Smith and Towell, singers and dancers, and the motion pictures were also in the bill. Emmet Dwyer's new act, In Dreamland, is reviewed elsewhere.

125th Street.

A well arranged bill, including several tried and true performers, pleased big houses last week. The festivities opened with a balancing act by Ed Estua, who was followed by Charles Wayne, assisted by Gertrude Des Roche and Bert Morton, in the lively skit, Ten A.M.; or, The Morning After. Falfrey and Hoefer put the house into great humor with their cycling eccentricities. Tacianni came on next, and the people were kept guessing as to his sex for some time. He does a very superior and entirely inoffensive female impersonation act. One of the big numbers of the bill followed, in Jessie L. Lasky's Military Octette and the Girl with the Baton, which caused quite a stir. When the last notes of the octette had died away Gallagher and Barrett appeared, and for twenty minutes kept the audience in convulsions with The Battle of Too Soon. This made it difficult for Frank Fogarty, who came next, but the "Dublin Minstrel" kept the laughs going with his inimitably told stories and his original finish, in which the spectators assured him over and over again that he was "all right." The Four Fords then attracted attention with their remarkable dancing, and the applause was tremendous. The pictures closed as usual.

Fifty-eighth Street.

The Six English Rockers and Nellie Florede topped the bill, giving much satisfaction with a very elaborate act, which has special scenery, costumes and effects. Elizabeth Murray, who has not been seen in New York in some time, delighted her admirers with several new songs that she sang inimitably. "I'm All In, Down and Out," "Tipperary Newark," "Andy," and "My Irish Rode" comprised her repertoire, and when she had finished she was warmly recalled several times. Miss Murray omitted her stories, and they were missed, as she is one of the few women in vaudeville who can tell a story well. There was nothing but laughter during Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband, by Charles Horwitz, presented by Gracie Emmett and company. Bert Levy's original sketching specialty went splendidly, and Mazus and Masette scored in their acrobatic comedy turn. The Elton-Pole Troupe opened the bill, and Avery and Hart and Lola Cotton were also in the audience. Two good motion pictures sent the audience home in a happy frame of mind.

ALHAMBRA.

Virginia Earl, Marshall P. Wilder, Charles E. Evans, Valadon and Others in Harlem.

The house was not large enough to accommodate the crowds that came to see the feast of good things provided by Manager Williams. In the good old days any one of five headliners seen here last week would have been considered quite big enough to carry along a bill made up of lesser lights. Mr. Williams takes a different view of matters, however, and believes in giving more than full value for every dollar taken in. With Virginia Earl in a new comedy, and Valadon, the magician, making his vaudeville debut, both of whom are reviewed elsewhere, there were Marshall P. Wilder with his funny quips, grimaces and imitations; Charles E. Evans, assisted by Charles H. Hopper and others in the funny farce, It's Up to You, William; McMahon's Minstrel Mails and Watermelon Girls in their very lively singing and dancing act, with Alice Schrode as interlocutor; Charles E. Evans in his side-splitting comedy musical turn; Beatrice Lindley, the polite English entertainer; Auburton and Altus, club jugglers, and a rousing wind-up by Sie Hassan Ben Ali's Arabs, and with the pictures thrown in for good measure, it would be a chronic grumbler who would not be satisfied with the programme.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.

Eva Tangney, Cressy and Dayne, and Genaro and Bailey the Principal Cards.

Eva Tangney, the irresistible entertainer, sang, danced and capered in her inimitable fashion, and her care-free, happy manner won for her many new admirers and made the old ones more firm in their allegiance than ever. Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne carried off laughs by the barrel with Town Hall To-night. Harry Bulger sang serenely and was encored. Genaro and Bailey scored heavily in Tony the Boot-black. Herbert Lloyd was thoroughly well liked, and his originality was greatly appreciated. The Five English Majors, the Expedition Four, musical experts; Watson's Farm Yard, Jarvis and Tudor, comedians and the vitagraph rounded out the programme, which attracted very large audiences.

NEW YORK.

Vesta Victoria Reappears—W. C. Fields Juggles Cleverly and Maude Hall Macy Scores.

One of the important events of last week was the reappearance in New York of Vesta Victoria, the English comic singer. Miss Victoria received a rousing welcome and pleased her admirers by singing several new ditties, including "The Queen of the Jujubine Isles," "Don't Get Married Any More, Ma," and a song with a "gee goo" refrain that the audience picked up very quickly. She also sang "Billy Green," and a verse of "Poor John." W. C. Fields made a pronounced hit with his comedy juggling, which is funnier than ever. Maude Hall Macy, as a lone star, repeated her splendid performance of the East Side girl in The Maggie and the Jay, in which she and her husband, Carlton Macy, appeared last season. Miss Hall's hit proves that good sketches are liked even in "advanced vaudeville." Others on the bill were Clifton Crawford, Ida Fuller (second week), the Du Fays Sisters, who are very neat; the O'Kale Japanese Troupe, Lucille Murgur and Newbold and Carroll, newcomers here who do an excellent comedy acrobatic specialty.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

PASTOR'S.—Janet Melville (late of Melville and Stetson) and company, Chadwick Trio, Bob and Tip, Alpha Trio, Marion and Deane, Sam Brooks and Rose Jeannette, Louise and Denny Hurley, Williams Duo, Cycling Brunettes, Geraldine McCann and company, Hall and Howard, Carter and Vincent, Seymour Sisters.

KRITH AND PROCTOR'S UNION SQUARE.—John C. Rice and Sally Cohen, Six English Rockers and Nellie Florede, Fred Walton and Morrissey Sisters, Frank Fogarty, Elizabeth Murray, Julia Ralph, Avery and Hart, Fetching Brothers, La Dent.

KRITH AND PROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD STREET.—The Future Winner, Four Fords, Gracie Emmett and company, Lasky's Quintette, Lew Bloom, Fentelle and Carr, Tacianni, Inza and Rollin.

KRITH AND PROCTOR'S FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET.—Gertrude Hoffman, Agnes Scott and company, Walter C. Kelly, Gotham Comedy Four, Marcella's Birds, Donald and Carson, Juno Salmo, Clark Bergman and Mahoney.

KRITH AND PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET.—Stella Mayhew and Bille Taylor, Herbert Lloyd and company, Ed F. Heyard, Kitty Tracey, "Chalk" Saunders, Misses Delmore, Gritt, Mason and Shannan.

COLONIAL.—Mille Lindon (second week), William H. Thompson and company, Elmore Sisters, A Night in a Houseboat (new), Pat Rooney and Marion Bent, A. O. Duncan, Nellie Vesta, La Gardina and company, Josseyn Trio.

ALHAMBRA.—Peter F. Dailey and company, Edward Connally and company, Bobby North, Caselli's Midget Dogs, Kelly and Kent, Winsor McCay, Majestic Trio, Tom Jack Trio.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.—Harry Von Tilzer, Clayton White and Marie Stuart, the Moto-Girl, Katie Barry, Byron and Langdon, Patrice and company, Cliff Gordon, Beatrice Lindley, Hassan Ben Ali's Arabs.

NEW YORK.—Vesta Victoria (second week), Louis Simon, Grace Gardner and company, Romany Troupe, John Hyams and Leila McIntyre, Clifton Crawford, Meredith Sisters, Peerless Mowat, the Gondoliers, Wilton Brothers.

The Burlesque Houses.

DEWEY.—The Strolling Players, headed by Tom Hanlon, scored twelve big hits here last week. The vehicle used is The Belle of Avenue A, and it is rather superior to the offerings in burlesque. Prominent members of the company are Nat Wixon, John Bohman, Burt Eaton, the Church City Four, Louis M. Granat, Marion Marshall, Madge Hughes and Andy Rice. This week, Merry Maidens.

GOTHAM.—The Harlemites turned out in full force to greet Bally and Woods' Big Show, with Pat Reilly, the Van Der Koors, Clark Sisters, Ruth Wright, Wilson and De Monville and Vic and Nellie Hyde. This week, Miner's Americans.

LONDON.—The Toreadors, headed by Giga Orloff, entertained large houses. This week, Kentuckie Bellies.

MURRAY HILL.—Al. Reeves' Big Show gave one of the best offerings of the new season, and drew good business. This week, Fred Irwin's Big Show.

MINE'S BOWERY.—The Nightingales, with Kennedy and Evans in the principal parts, proved a good attraction. This week, Twentieth Century Maid.

MINE'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—The Sam Devore Show was well liked by audiences that were large and appreciative. This week, Gaiety Girls.

HURST AND SHAMON'S.—The Bon Ton Burlesques met with a hearty and profitable reception from good sized crowds. This week, Rentsy Santley company.

SOME SUNDAY TRIALS.

At Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre on Sunday there were several novelties in the bill. Percy Plunkett, assisted by Master Freddie, a precocious boy, presented for the first time here a sketch in one, with the scene laid in a New York street. Mr. Plunkett impersonates an old farmer who comes to the city in search of a long-lost daughter. He meets a newsboy, and after some chat discovers that the lad is supporting his widowed mother, who is none other than the old man's daughter. Humor and pathos are happily blended in the little sketch, which was favorably received. Another excellent turn, billed as "That Other Quartette," made up of Ollie Evans, Miss Mills, Pearl Sanford, and Zemaida Williams, turned out to be one of the best female comedy quartettes seen here in some time. The comedy is good, unforced and cleverly done, and the singing is exceptionally good. Mrs. Baldwin, who is in the mind-reader class, displayed some very remarkable feats of memory. At Keith's and Frolic's Harlequin Opera House, Henrietta Browne and Byron Douglas offered a new sketch, and M. B. Curtis put on a condensed version of his old play, Sam'l of Posen.

TWO NOTABLE ARTISTS COMING.

Next week should be a lively one in vaudeville circles, as two of the most popular women in the London halls are due to open on Monday, Marie Lloyd will be the headliner at the Colonial, and as she is the only original Lloyd, who has had all England at her feet for a generation, there is no doubt that her reappearance will create something of a stir. Mr. Williams is sharpening his blue pencil and will use it judiciously upon Miss Lloyd's repertoire, so that his patrons will not be too severely shocked. The other British star is Hetty King, whose act is patterned after that of Vesta Tilley. She is booked to begin an engagement at the New York next week.

AUTOS AT THE HIPPODROME.

Although the nature of the new spectacle now in rehearsal at the Hippodrome has been surrounded with secrecy, it has leaked out that the craze for motorizing will be the foundation for the big scene, which will be the climax of a twenty-four-hour automobile race, in which a number of big machines will be used in a way never before shown on any stage. The size of the Hippodrome stage will admit of effects never before attempted in that stage, and every effort will be made, it is said, to have the scene as realistic as possible.

COLONIAL.

Master Gabriel, the Boston Fadettes, Nellie Lindon and May Tully Score.

The bill last week was up to the usual William standard, and contained one imported act, that of Mille Lindon, which is reviewed elsewhere. The headline honors were divided between Master Gabriel and company and the Fadettes of Boston. Master Gabriel is an exceptionally gifted little fellow, and his articulation is so clear that it is a real delight to listen to him as he speaks his lines. It is needless to say that he made a hit out of all proportion to his size, and that George Ali, as the dog, seconded him very ably. The Fadettes are the same capable organization as of yore, and under the able leadership of Caroline Nichols won encore enough to last them for several weeks. Their selections are always popular and pleasing. Smith and Campbell had a lot of new "whoozas," and their buoyancy was communicated to the audience from start to finish. May Tully, assisted by Jane Gilbert and Frank Robinson, offered Stop, Look and Listen, again winning enthusiastic approval. Galletti's monkeys are a jolly little collection and their antics kept the house in roars. Redford and Winchester opened the bill smartly and were followed by Mignonne Kokin, who was well received. Foster and Foster and the pictures were the other numbers. Smith and Campbell are deserving of a special word of praise, as their act is practically new, and as they are among the few performers who think it worth while to make frequent changes they should have due credit for their enterprise.

PASTOR'S.

The Fitzgibbon-McCoy Trio, Bush and Rudd, Kenney and Hollis and Others Please.

The patrons of Pastor's never seem to tire of the Fitzgibbon-McCoy Trio, for no matter how often they come back they win the same number of hearty laughs. Their fun is very rough, and there's much horse-play, but that is what pleases the admirers of these funmakers, and their hit was prodigious. Bush and Rudd played a return engagement and were well received. The odd personality of the original

CORRESPONDENCE

ALABAMA.

THEATRE.—*THEATRE*, Tuscaloosa, Sept. 21; good, in repertory Sept. 18-21; Devil's Auction 20; Lydia and Pioneers 21; The Emperor 1; Wilson Lockups in The Business 2.

THE GRAND—*GRAND* AUDITORIUM (Bishop and Anderson, owners and mgrs.): The Dangler and the Devil 20; fair to moderate business; *Just a Little* 21; packed house; pleased. Strong beats 20.

THEATRE.—*THEATRE* (Fletcher Brothers, mgr.): *Just Out of College* Sept. 20; Devil's Auction 21.

ARIZONA.

THEATRE.—*THEATRE* (Hall, manager): *Woolf's Minstrels* 2; *C. L. Lewis* Sept. 20-21; *THEATRE* (Bob, mld. to open house Sept. 21; failed to appear).

ARKANSAS.

THEATRE.—*GRAND* (C. A. Lick, mgr.): *Woolf's Minstrels*, managed by Virginia Opera Company, closed a two week run Sept. 21; good performance was a rare treat to our audience, but on account of the intense heat the attendance was not as large as it should have been. *THEATRE*, (W. B. Russell, mgr.): *The Emperor* 20; *Wilson Lockups in The Business* 21; *Just a Little* 22; *Woolf's Minstrels* 23; *Lydia and Pioneers* 24; *The Emperor* 25; *Just a Little* 26; *Woolf's Minstrels* 27; *C. L. Lewis* Sept. 28.

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Russell, mgr.): *Woolf's Minstrels* 20; *The Emperor* 21; *Just a Little* 22; *Woolf's Minstrels* 23; *Lydia and Pioneers* 24; *Just a Little* 25; *Woolf's Minstrels* 26; *Just a Little* 27; *Woolf's Minstrels* 28; *Just a Little* 29; *Woolf's Minstrels* 30; *Just a Little* 31; *Woolf's Minstrels* 32; *Just a Little* 33; *Woolf's Minstrels* 34; *Just a Little* 35; *Woolf's Minstrels* 36; *Just a Little* 37; *Woolf's Minstrels* 38; *Just a Little* 39; *Woolf's Minstrels* 40; *Just a Little* 41; *Woolf's Minstrels* 42; *Just a Little* 43; *Woolf's Minstrels* 44; *Just a Little* 45; *Woolf's Minstrels* 46; *Just a Little* 47; *Woolf's Minstrels* 48; *Just a Little* 49; *Woolf's Minstrels* 50; *Just a Little* 51; *Woolf's Minstrels* 52; *Just a Little* 53; *Woolf's Minstrels* 54; *Just a Little* 55; *Woolf's Minstrels* 56; *Just a Little* 57; *Woolf's Minstrels* 58; *Just a Little* 59; *Woolf's Minstrels* 60; *Just a Little* 61; *Woolf's Minstrels* 62; *Just a Little* 63; *Woolf's Minstrels* 64; 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"There are plenty of heart throb. Claude Kelly made quite a hit as the American theatrical manager who turns up as the God in the car and avenging angel to protect the young from the clutches of vice. M. F. Hogan was a very faithful personification of vice, and Alice McConnell was appealing and sympathetic as the wife.

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